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# Welcome to SASS 2022

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Happy New Year! The New Year brings a new SASS meeting. In 2022 we meet in Puerto Rico. I hope you have submitted an abstract and plan to attend the meeting.

The meeting will be a landmark event for our society. Its program elevates our field's growing engagement with colonial and postcolonial studies while seeking to build connections with Puerto Rican and Caribbean colleagues.

Puerto Rico will present SASS with "interesting questions about both Scandinavian and US colonialism and imperialism, and their interconnections, while also furnishing the opportunity to engage with colonial and postcolonial studies and Indigenous methodologies that are evolving to become active and productive fields within Scandinavian studies," as the organizers have put it.

As we find ourselves welcomed in a new location, I hope we will also welcome new participants to SASS. One of our society's strengths is its strong sense of community. But that community may feel forbidding to newcomers, who can feel like outsiders. What can we do to bring in new members and to welcome their scholarly contribution? As president, it is my intention to speak to each one of our new participants during the conference and welcome them to SASS.

New members are crucial to the future of our society, just as an energized and engaged membership is. Thank you to all who gave in our end-of-the-year campaign to support the society. More than \$10,000 of donations were made. As our society seeks to weather the pandemic, sustaining our financial health is crucial. As important, when members give, they engage with the society and increase their stake in its future. As a small society, we need to care about our society's future. Wholehearted thanks to all those who gave. If you did not, please make a gift in 2022.

I will continue to ask for members' support in the year ahead.

With plans for Puerto Rico now taking shape, I look forward to the intellectual questions posed by our location, the opportunity to welcome new members, and to working with all of you to sustain SASS.

With all best wishes,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Andrew Nestingen". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Andrew Nestingen

President

## AN UPDATED LOOK AND FEEL FOR 2022

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**A**s we prepare for our conference in Puerto Rico, we wanted to be transparent with our members about the updated look and feel of the 2022 conference. Considerable thought and deliberation has gone into the planning process (over the last four years), and what follows is an abbreviated account of key decisions. We are excited about the program and the benefits of a hybrid event, and we hope you are, too!

In 2020, when we postponed our contract with the Wyndham Grand Rio Mar, we were optimistic that life would be “back to normal” by 2022 and that our Puerto Rico conference would be able to proceed just as we had planned for 2020. It was a lovely thought, but as we all now know, “normal” is not what it was two years ago, and we have had to adjust. In this issue of News and Notes (pgs 6-7) you will get a sneak peek at the revamped conference schedule; more details will follow as plans are locked down in the coming weeks. Follow SASS on social media to get these updates in real time. Watch for the fully finalized schedule in our March issue of News and Notes.

**The Hybrid Decision** – We discussed foregoing the in-person conference again this year in light of the pandemic, but we assessed the risks and the pros to proceed outweighed the cons to cancel. SASS has a contract with the Wyndham and cancellation would be a significant expense; without a standing travel ban, we cannot be released from our contract. Puerto Rico has taken extensive measures to combat the pandemic and they have some of the strictest social distancing and masking protocols in the nation. Our hotel is ready to accommodate a group of our size while maintaining these standards. Last and perhaps most compellingly, our contacts and colleagues in Puerto Rico enthusiastically encouraged us to proceed. Ultimately, we decided that a hybrid event was the best and most inclusive option, offering an in-person conference for those comfortable traveling with an online component for those unable to travel.

Rest assured that we are mindful of the health and safety concerns associated with a large meeting and we are taking steps to make this meeting safe and productive for our attendees. View Wyndham Grand Rio Mar policies [HERE](#). View Puerto Rico’s up-to-date requirements [HERE](#), including the strict testing protocols for arrival on the island. SASS will post an FAQ page with key information specific to our members traveling to the conference. We will endeavor to remain nimble planners and keep safety at the fore in the coming weeks at <https://scandinavianstudy.org/annual-meeting/sass-2022-puerto-rico/>

**The Schedule** – We revamped the traditional SASS meeting schedule to make the most of the advantages and challenges of the hybrid format. To assure access for most members’ time zones, we will start each day with a headline synchronous online session. This makes the keynote, the plenary session, the author talk, and the business meeting available for as many members as possible. Online sessions will run thereafter, and in-person sessions will follow later in the day.

**Dining** – The hotel has several onsite restaurants, but beyond the hotel there are few alternate dining options. Due to this, we have opted to include more meals in our registration with options to eat outdoors. Higher registration rates reflect this, but we chose to mitigate the cost of procuring alternate dining options. (Ideally this will also ease travel reimbursement processes for those with institutional support.) Registration now includes a light meal at Wednesday’s reception, a brunch meal following the Thursday, Friday, and Saturday morning headline sessions, and of course, we will still be having our Saturday evening banquet – a SASS favorite! Friday is dedicated time to travel away from the conference space and spend the day exploring the surrounding area, ending the evening at :Pública art space in San Juan for a special exhibit featuring the work of our keynote speakers.

# Updates from the Council

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## ¡Bienvenidos a Puerto Rico!

We are hard at work planning the Puerto Rico conference. Our primary goal is to ensure that members who do feel comfortable traveling have a safe experience that is as smooth as possible and that our members who are not quite ready to jump back into travelling just yet are still able to participate in the conference virtually and have an experience that makes the most of the digital space. That does mean that the conference will look a little different this year - we have rearranged the timeline a bit to accommodate attendees in multiple timezones and we have added more conference sponsored social events to keep our

in-person attendees connected in a safe space. Browse this issue of News and Notes to learn about some of the exciting events on our program and look for even more info in the March issue of News and Notes.

In the meantime, check out some of the links below to learn more about travel to Puerto Rico.

Follow us on social media for real-time updates, including the finalized schedule as events and modalities are confirmed. Use our conference hashtag: #SASSPR22 in your posts.

**Discover Puerto Rico:** Find travel guidelines and more from the Puerto Rico Tourism Board

**Puerto Rico Department of Health:** The official word on all things public health on the island

**Bienvenidos:** The Official Travel Magazine of the Puerto Rico Hotel and Tourism Association

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## HAVE SOMETHING YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE?

Please send announcements and suggestions to [newsandnotes@scandinavianstudy.org](mailto:newsandnotes@scandinavianstudy.org). If approved before the last day of the month, announcements will appear in the next issue. Please indicate if you would also like your announcement to appear on [scandinavianstudy.org](http://scandinavianstudy.org)



# Puerto Rico Schedule Highlights

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Puerto Rico is in Atlantic Standard Time (AST) and does not observe Daylight Savings. In late April their time will be the same as New York. They are currently one hour ahead of New York.

## Wednesday, 27 April

### WELCOME WEDNESDAY

#### LATE MORNING:

- SASS Executive Committee Meeting

#### EVENING:

- New Member Reception, followed by a cash bar and meal buffet
- Interest group meetings (e.g. NORTANA, ASTRA, DANA, ISA) in person or online, depending on membership preferences

## Thursday, 28 April

### DAY ONE: SESSIONS

#### LATE MORNING:

- Keynote Address by visual artists La Vaughn Belle and Jeannette Ehlers (in person and live streamed)
- Brunch Buffet and Reception

#### AFTERNOON:

- Panel Sessions 1-3, with coffee breaks

## Friday, 29 April

### DAY TWO: EXCURSIONS & EDUCATION DAY

#### LATE MORNING:

- Caribbean Scholars Plenary Session (in person and live streamed) with Professor Maribeth Polhill, University of Puerto Rico Río Piedras and Assistant Professor Nahir Otaño Gracia, University of New Mexico followed by continental breakfast/coffee

#### AFTERNOON:

- Island excursions! Join a pre-planned tour or explore on your own (e.g. learn more about the Puerto Rican art scene, about the colonial history of Puerto Rico, and about the region's Indigenous cultures).

#### EVENING:

- San Juan gallery reception at the art space :Pública, and dinner option

# Puerto Rico Schedule Highlights

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**Saturday, 30 April**

## **DAY THREE: SESSIONS**

### **LATE MORNING:**

- SASS Author Series: U.S. Virgin Islands novelist Tiphonie Yanique (in person and live streamed)
- Brunch Buffet and SASS Business Meeting

### **AFTERNOON:**

- Panel Sessions 4-6, with coffee breaks

### **EVENING:**

- Cash Bar
- Banquet and entertainment (tentative plan is to hold these on the balcony)

**Sunday 01 May**

## **DAY FOUR: DEPARTURE / OPTIONAL POST-CONFERENCE EXCURSIONS**

### **SUNDAY-WEDNESDAY, 1-4 MAY**

The Frederiksted-based agency CHANT (Crucian Heritage and Nature Tourism) will host an excursion to St. Croix following the conference. St. Croix is only a very short flight away from Puerto Rico. Indicate interest on your registration to learn about the traces and impact of Danish colonialism on the island and about the contemporary culture of the Virgin Islands!

**Follow us on social media for real-time updates, including the finalized schedule as events and modalities are confirmed. Use our conference hashtag #SASSPR22 in your posts.**

Facebook: [@scandinavianstudyorg](https://www.facebook.com/scandinavianstudyorg)

Instagram: [@scandstudy](https://www.instagram.com/scandstudy)

Twitter: [@SAScandStudy](https://twitter.com/SAScandStudy)

# SASS 2022: Puerto Rico

## REGISTRATION RATES

### IN-PERSON REGISTRATION

In-Person Registration includes in-person access to conference sessions, a ticket to the closing banquet, as well as coffee breaks and various brunches and receptions. See schedule for more details (Page ##)

	(BEFORE 3/18/22)	(AFTER 3/18/22)
REGULAR MEMBER	\$375	\$425
INDEPENDENT SCHOLAR	\$275	\$325
CARIBBEAN RESIDENT	\$275	\$325
STUDENT	\$225	\$275
NON-MEMBER	\$505	\$555

### ONLINE ONLY REGISTRATION

Online Only Registration includes online access to conference sessions, Q&A software for communication with in-person and only presenters and attendees, and post-conference access to session recordings and the conference website. See schedule for more details (Page ##)

REGULAR MEMBER	\$375
INDEPENDENT SCHOLAR	\$275
CARIBBEAN RESIDENT	\$275
STUDENT	\$225
NON-MEMBER	\$505

### EXHIBITOR REGISTRATION

Exhibitor Registration includes exhibitor space on-site, a dedicated exhibitor page on the conference website, and full conference registration for one representative.

BASE REGISTRATION	\$550
ADDITIONAL REPS	\$300

### **INDIVIDUALS MUST HAVE A CURRENT SASS MEMBERSHIP TO PRESENT**

You can join or renew your SASS membership (Online+Print access only) when you register for the conference. If you would like to choose a different access option, you must join or renew through the University of Illinois Press before registering for the conference. To join or renew separate from your conference registration visit: [https://www.press.uillinois.edu/journals/subscribe\\_now.php?id=ss](https://www.press.uillinois.edu/journals/subscribe_now.php?id=ss)

# REGISTER NOW!

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# SASS 2022: Puerto Rico

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## REGISTRATION RATES WITH 2022 MEMBERSHIP

### IN-PERSON REGISTRATION + MEMBERSHIP

In-Person Registration includes in-person access to conference sessions, a ticket to the closing banquet, as well as coffee breaks and various brunches and receptions. See schedule for more details (Page ##)

	(BEFORE 3/18/22)	(AFTER 3/18/22)
REGULAR MEMBER	\$475	\$525
INDEPENDENT SCHOLAR	\$375	\$425
CARIBBEAN RESIDENT	\$375	\$425
STUDENT	\$285	\$335

### ONLINE ONLY REGISTRATION + MEMBERSHIP

Online Only Registration includes online access to conference sessions, Q&A software for communication with in-person and only presenters and attendees, and post-conference access to session recordings and the conference website. See schedule for more details (Page ##)

REGULAR MEMBER	\$475
INDEPENDENT SCHOLAR	\$375
CARIBBEAN RESIDENT	\$375
STUDENT	\$285

### **INDIVIDUALS MUST HAVE A CURRENT SASS MEMBERSHIP TO PRESENT**

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# SASS 2022: Puerto Rico

## WYNDHAM GRAND RIO MAR

### Now accepting reservations!

We are now accepting hotel reservations for your upcoming event. Through this website you can book, modify or cancel your hotel reservations at any time and receive updated information about the event. We look forward to seeing you!

Rates based on double occupancy plus 11% Tax and \$20 Resort Fee:

**Resort View with King Bed - \$174.00**

**Resort View with Two Queen Beds - \$174.00**

**Rainforest View with King Bed - \$174.00**

**Rainforest View with Two Queen Beds - \$174.00**

All upgrades are subject to availability.

Additional charges will apply:

Bellman Gratuity - \$7.00 per adult - one-time charge plus 11.5% tax

Maid Gratuity- \$2.50 per room per night plus 11.5% tax

A deposit equivalent to the total cost of the first night will be charged per room at the moment of booking in order to guarantee. Reservations without a deposit will be cancelled without prior notification. Guests have up to 7 days prior to arrival date to cancel for a full refund. Cancellations made less than 7 days of arrival date shall forfeit deposit equivalent to 1 night as penalty.

# BOOK NOW!

<https://book.passkey.com/go/ScandinavianStudy>

# 2022 Membership Rates

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SASS Membership gives you access to an international network of scholars and colleagues in the field of Scandinavian Studies through our annual meeting, our journal *Scandinavian Studies*, and our bi-monthly newsletter. As an organization, SASS administers several fellowships and prizes each year and strives to foster and support scholarship in the field. Membership is managed through the University of Illinois Press and members can choose their preferred form of access to the journal below. Click the link to join or renew today!

## PRINT ONLY OPTIONS

SCANDINAVIAN STUDIES INDIVIDUAL PRINT ONLY	<b>\$75.00</b>
SCANDINAVIAN STUDIES STUDENT PRINT ONLY	<b>\$40.00</b>
SCANDINAVIAN STUDIES RETIRED PRINT ONLY	<b>\$40.00</b>
SCANDINAVIAN STUDIES LIFE PRINT + ONLINE	<b>\$1000.00</b>

## ONLINE ONLY OPTIONS

SCANDINAVIAN STUDIES INDIVIDUAL ONLINE ONLY	<b>\$65.00</b>
SCANDINAVIAN STUDIES STUDENT ONLINE ONLY	<b>\$30.00</b>
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# Executive Council Elections

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The Executive Council is made up of ten members, representing the fields of Languages and Literature, History and Social Sciences, Institutional/Independent Scholars, and Graduate Student Members. Graduate Student Representatives serve a two-year term while the others serve a four-year term, with at least two new members rotating in at the end of the annual conference. During their term on the council, members fulfill the role of a board of directors. They serve on committees, propose new initiatives, and vote on proposals concerning the management of the society. The Executive Council meets virtually twice a year in January and September, and in person at the annual meeting in May.

The SASS Executive Council is led by four officers - The President, Vice President, Financial Officer (immediate Past President), and the Executive Director. We elect a Vice-President in alternating years and at the end of their two-year term, the VP transitions into the role of President. After two years as President, they transition into the role of Financial Officer. The Executive Director is the only full-time employee of SASS and is not an elected position. The Executive Director reports directly to the President and serves at the discretion of the Executive Council.

For more information about the current members of the Executive Council and the SASS leadership structure, visit: <https://scandinavianstudy.org/about-us/>

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We have two members rotating off this year and four candidates standing to fill those positions. You will find information about the candidates on the next page and on the ballot.

We will be using the website Election Runner this year to make our election process more streamlined and secure. You must have an active membership in order to log-in and vote. **Check your email for a personalized link to the ballot in the next week.**

If you need to join or renew your membership, follow the link on Page 9. You will receive an invitation to vote within one week of joining or renewing.

**VOTE!**

**Check your email for an invitation to vote.  
You MUST have a current membership to vote.**

# Executive Council Elections

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## LANGUAGE & LITERATURE CANDIDATES

### LENA NORRMAN

University of Minnesota

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**A**t the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities Campus, I am the Senior Lecturer in Swedish where my work includes coordinating the Swedish language- but also cultural studies program. My research interests concern gender and storytelling in the Viking age and the Middle Ages, and folklore and the oral tradition. Both my dissertation and my book *Viking Women: Narrative Roles in Woven Tapestries* focus on female visual poetry, and my now work in-progress focuses on women in the Age of the Sturlungs, in Iceland and Scandinavia proper .

### MATHIAS NORDVIG

University of Colorado

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**D**r. Mathias Nordvig has a PhD in Nordic Mythology from Aarhus University in Denmark. He has been teaching Viking studies, Norse mythology, Scandinavian folklore, and Arctic culture at the University of Colorado at Boulder since 2015. In addition to publishing both research and popular fiction about Nordic mythology, Dr. Nordvig works with musicians and visual artists to create inspiring music and art about the Viking Age and Norse mythology.

## HISTORY AND SOCIAL SCIENCE CANDIDATES

### KELSEY FULLER

Augustana College

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**K**elsey A. Fuller (Fuller-Shafer) received her Ph.D. in ethnomusicology from the University of Colorado Boulder in 2020. With a background in musicology, feminist theory, and critical Indigenous studies, her teaching, research, and publications have focused on contemporary Sámi music and multimedia art, politics, and gender identities. She is currently serving as a Visiting Assistant Professor in Scandinavian Studies at Augustana College, where she is teaching language, literature, and history classes, as well as working as a librarian/ archivist assistant in the Swenson Swedish Immigration Research Center. Kelsey would look forward to bringing her multifaceted experiences as an educator, researcher, and librarian/archivist to the SASS board, and would seek to represent early-career scholars, and to support underrepresented voices and narratives, within the field of Scandinavian studies.

### CARRIE DANIELSSON

Florida State University

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**C**arrie Danielson is Visiting Assistant Professor of Musicology at Florida State University, where she also received her PhD in Musicology (Ethnomusicology) in Spring 2021. She joined SASS in 2019 and has since come to cherish this organization's collegiality and unique commitment to emerging scholars. If elected to the History/Social Science seat, Carrie would continue to advocate for the society's student, junior, and contingent members, while also working toward further equity within the larger SASS community. She is committed to the society's mission of promoting Scandinavian study and instruction and hopes to facilitate additional relationships between SASS, its members, and those outside of this organization as a member of the board.

# Meeting Minutes

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**Minutes of Executive Council Meeting of  
The Society for the Advancement of Scandinavian Study**

**Friday, August 27, 2021**

**12:00 – 14:00 CDT**

Members Present: Andrew Nestingen, president, Scott Mellor, vice-president, Julie Allen, Financial Officer/Immediate Past President, Kimberly LaPalm, Executive Director, Marcus Cederström, council member, Amanda Doxtater, council member Tim Frandy, council member, Kate Heslop, council member, Rosemary Johnsen, council member, Liina-Ly Roos, council member, Anna Rue, council member, Maxine Savage, council member, Sally Yerkovich, council member

Not Present: Verena Hoefig, council member

## **Call to Order/Agenda Review**

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Andrew Nestingen, at 12:00 a.m. CDT

## **Welcome**

Andrew Nestingen, president, welcomed the members.

## **Puerto Rico Discussion**

- Julie Allen, Financial Officer/Immediate Past President and on the programming committee for the 2022 conference, gave an update on the Society's 2022 conference to take place in Puerto Rico addressing costs and safety for the conference.
- Andrew Nestingen, president, discussed the Society's 2022 conference to take place in Puerto Rico and the messaging we want to use to encourage people to attend the conference. Due to Covid, there will be in-person and online options, though in-person was seen broadly as desirable.
- Kimberly LaPalm, Executive Director, discussed the Society's 2022 conference to take place in Puerto Rico and the fee structure for the conference, especially, but not exclusively, additional fees for the online component.

## **Budget Discussion**

- Kimberly LaPalm, Executive Director, discussed and explained the budget for the conference and the overall finances for the society. Though the society's expenses have increased income continues to exceed expenditures by a healthy margin.

# Meeting Minutes cont.

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## Updating on Fundraising

- Andrew Nestingen, president, gave an update on fundraising efforts. He suggested a new fund raising campaign that he will start next quarter.

## Committee Reports

### Report Baldwin

Scott Mellor, vice-president and ex-officio chair of the committee, gave his report. The committee will meet on Friday. There are 4 applications. The committee will include alternate committee member Susan Brantly in lieu of committee member Amanda Doxtater who has recused herself for conflict of interest, having written a letter of recommendation for an applicant.

### Report Haugen

Kimberly LaPalm, Executive Director, gave a report for the Haugen award in lieu of Verena Hoefig, council member and chair of the committee. There are six applications, which is a very good number, even more so because they include applicants from departments other than Scandinavian Studies. Each committee members to email their rankings of the candidates by January 31. Unless there is a tie, the number one candidate will be reported on February 1. A ranking sheet has been emailed to all committee members and is also available on ProofHub. Additional committee members are: Anna Rue, Marcus Cederstrom, Gracia Grindal, Susan Brantly

### Report Aurora Borealis

Liina-Ly Roos, council member and chair of the committee. There were 7 in lit, 2 in history, 1 in social science and 4 in undergraduate. Decisions will be made by next week.

### Book Subvention

Andrew Nestingen, president, (Kimberly/Andy)

- Strategic Planning Report (Marcus)
- Communication Committee Report (Maxine)
- Report on committee formation (Scott)
- Policies and Procedures - Marcus, Scott, Tim, and Ellen
- 5 standing committees - communication, policies, nominating, mentoring, deij

### Report on EC Conversations

Andrew Nestingen, president, gave a short report on the conversations he initiated with the advisory committee members of the executive council, thanking the members for there input and contributions to the Society.

# Meeting Minutes cont.

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## **Next Executive Meeting**

Andrew Nestingen, president, suggested the next meeting time for the executive council to be at the conference in May.

## **New Business**

Education Abroad (Kate)

Kate Heslop, council member brought up the issue of undergraduate student not having access to language study in the Scandinavian and Nordic languages and its affect on graduate student application. The topic was deemed important and will be brought up at the next meeting.

## **About Us Page**

Kimberly LaPalm, Executive Director, wanted to discuss the About Us Page on the website, but due to technical issues and time, this issue was tabled.

## **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 14:10

Respectfully submitted by Scott A. Mellor