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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Andrew K. Nestingen | president@scandinavianstudy.org

A theme of my presidency has been development of SASS's financial strength. This topic is important because SASS faces many challenges that other learned societies face – canceled conferences, inflation, pandemic, and effects on membership. But we are small and have fewer resources. What can we do?

One of the ways that our peer societies are responding to these challenges is by enhancing their revenue streams. They are also putting on exciting conferences. Many have revised membership cost structures. They are working to bring experienced and new to their annual conferences. And they are asking their members to give more to their societies. SASS needs to adopt similar changes.

Lynn Wilkinson and UT-Austin are putting together a terrific conference in one of the US's most exciting cities, the home of SXSW! Propose a stream or a paper and join us for what will be an awesome conference! Don't miss out! (I already bought my plane tickets.)

Our membership costs and their structure badly need updating. Many societies pro-rate membership costs by members' income level. Such progressive cost sharing is equitable. SASS's membership cost structure can be more equitable, and generate more revenue.

Other societies also offer members the opportunity to make a sustaining member donation every year. I know I always give extra to the MLA or SCMS when they ask for a sustaining donation. Should we not make it possible for SASS members to make a sustaining donation? We haven't.

Finally, we need to improve our development. We have sought your trust with improved financial control, excellent conference organization, and clear, regular communication. We need members to continue to give, or to give for the first time. You can make SASS stronger by giving.

As a first step to such giving, we are launching a #100x\$100 campaign this year. Will 100 SASS members give \$100 in 2022? (Graduate students and others who wish may give to the campaign at the discount rate of \$25.) With the 100 x 100s campaign, a key goal is to get to 100% membership participation in SASS development. Let us join in solidarity and all build SASS for the future.

See you in Austin, but talk to you in the November News & Notes!

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

Andrew K. Nestingen | SASS President

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#100X\$100

*Help us Help SASS
Work. Together.*

Can you join 100 colleagues and give
\$100 to SASS this year?

Scan the QR code or click on the link on the next
page to donate!





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There is a lot of behind-the-scenes work that goes into running a society like SASS and if we want our community to be able to thrive and grow, we need to meet and surpass these costs. An important way to keep SASS membership and registration affordable is for those of us who are able to, to give in support of the society. That is why we are launching our #100x\$100s drive this month. Our goal is for 100 members to donate \$100 each before the SASS 2023 conference in Austin. This campaign is about solidarity and demonstrating how important SASS is for our work, our careers, and the future of the field.

Graduate students and others who wish to give but aren't comfortable giving \$100 are encouraged to give at a rate that feels comfortable to them. Keep an eye on *News and Notes* and scandinavianstudy.org for updates on the campaign. If we meet our goal by the conference, we will celebrate with a special party to celebrate our donors - and if we surpass that goal, the party will be even better.

https://www.paypal.com/donate?campaign_id=2P6QP7E9UKUH4



WHY AUSTIN?

Kimberly La Palm | exec-director@scandinavianstudy.org

It is no secret that the state of Texas has enacted some controversial and questionable laws recently. This fact has raised concerns among the SASS Executive Council and membership about travelling to the state or supporting the local economy with a conference. We know that some of you have reservations about our upcoming conference in Austin and I want to address these concerns head-on.

So, why is SASS proceeding with plans to hold a conference in Austin? The executive council and the officers have discussed the challenges associated with an Austin conference at length before we finalized plans for a meeting in the Texas capital. We had the same concerns you did but ultimately opted for a Texas meeting for a number of reasons.

- 1) The University of Texas at Austin is a fantastic university that does great, rigorous academic research. We have colleagues there with valuable insights into the field. We don't want to exclude them or their work based on the decisions of lawmakers. In fact, we want to encourage scholarly pursuits and academic inquiry that will continue to challenge ideas and opinions and to promote and nurture DEI work at the university and in the community.
- 2) The meeting will be held on the UT campus. We are confident that the university is doing everything within their power to ensure that visitors are safe and welcome. Additionally, Austin itself is known to be an open-minded and welcoming city. Even (or maybe especially...) Texans acknowledge Austin as a special place in the state. I have recently heard the word "oasis" thrown around...
- 3) We need to be challenged. As academics it is productive to step out of our comfort zones and address challenges directly. Texas will force us to do that, and we are up to the challenge. And it is not just a political and ideological challenge. We have never held a conference in Texas. We tend to think of very specific places in North America as having strong Nordic ties, but it is time to shake up those assumptions. Texas and Austin have more to offer Scandinavianists than we think.
- 4) Austin is a vibrant and exciting city. They don't call it the live music capital of the world for no reason! Austin – and particularly downtown Austin and the area near the university – is home to a wide array of music venues, interesting and innovative culinary experiences, international art and arts venues, and numerous festivals and events. Austin is definitely one of the US's most dynamic small cities – a place everyone should visit at least once. SASS is happy to help our members see a piece of the world they may not otherwise have an opportunity to visit.

Rest assured, we are working with the university and the local community to ensure that our members are safe, comfortable, and welcomed in Austin. As planning progresses, we will make information about the space, the university, and the community as easily accessible as possible. Keep an eye on our webpage at <https://scandinavianstudy.org/annual-meeting/sass-2023-austin-2/> and all the upcoming issues of News and Notes for updates about our plans for the conference, the call for papers, the opening of registration, and exciting tips about what to do and see in Austin (in between sessions, that is). Please feel free to reach out with questions! We want to make sure that you feel ready, able, and EXCITED to travel in Austin in April. We think that this will be a challenging and engaging conference and we are looking forward to it! Follow us on social media for regular updates!

med vänliga hälsningar,

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WELCOME TO AUSTIN!

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I would like to extend a warm welcome to Austin in April 2023, when SASS will meet on the University of Texas campus. We hope you will have an occasion to visit our internationally recognized archives on campus, including the Harry Ransom Humanities Research Center, which houses a Gutenberg Bible, the world's first photograph, a magnificent collection of photographs, some dating back to the medium's beginnings, and an impressive array of manuscripts. Austin boasts wonderful restaurants featuring not only barbeque, but also southwestern and vegetarian cuisine, and on the weekends especially, there is music everywhere.

I look forward to seeing you in April in Austin!

Lynn Wilkinson

SASS 2023: Austin



BOOK YOUR AUSTIN HOTEL NOW!

SASS 2023: Austin will be held on the UT Austin campus, not at a conference hotel, but SASS has negotiated a special rate at two nearby hotels to ensure our members have convenient access to the events on campus and to Austin's lively downtown.

Rooms at these rates are limited, so click on the link below to book your room today!

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- In-room record players (because Austin...)

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<https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1656532734137&key=GRP&app=resvlink>

SASS 2023: Austin

CALL FOR STREAMS

The theme of this SASS meeting is **everyday life**, in the sense that the French theorist Michel de Certeau used the term in his 1980 study, *L'invention du quotidien/The Practice of Everyday Life*. In this work, which grew out of research originally funded as a study of consumer behavior, de Certeau argues that consumers, as well as people in precapitalist cultures, have the potential to react creatively to commodities, religious doctrines, and other cultural systems. Like canny shoppers at the supermarket, people may strive to combine what's available to them to make the best possible meal. Colonized people sometimes appropriate aspects of the colonizers' culture that subvert its oppressive potential. Workers in unrewarding jobs may surf the internet while appearing to conform to bureaucratic routines.

What to make of de Certeau's emphasis on the positive role of creative bricolage or tinkering? What is its relationship to more explicit forms of resistance or more confrontational strategies to improve conditions for individuals or groups? Does de Certeau's work allow for more room to maneuver than that of other theorists, such as Michel Foucault?

Michel de Certeau's work offers a useful framework for exploring the roles of everyday life in literature, culture, and film, but stream proposals and papers need not engage explicitly with it. Other approaches are welcome.

SEMINAR STREAMS MIGHT FOCUS ON SOME OF THE FOLLOWING TOPICS:

- NORA'S MACAROONS: IBSEN AND EVERYDAY LIFE
- MAN TAGER HVAD MAN HAVER: SCANDINAVIAN COOKBOOKS
- FOODIE FILMS AND TEXTS
- APPROPRIATION AND REFASHIONING IN OLD NORSE LITERATURE AND CULTURE
- THE PERSONAL IS THE POLITICAL: GENDER AND EVERYDAY LIFE
- GOSSIP
- GOING TOO FAR: SCANDINAVIAN SCANDALS
- RELIGION AND EVERYDAY LIFE IN THE NORTH
- EVERYDAY LIFE IN THE SCANDINAVIAN NOVEL
- SCANDINAVIAN LITERARY STUDIES AND EVERYDAY LIFE
- EVERYDAY LIFE AND CIVILITY

SUBMIT YOUR STREAM PROPOSAL NOW!

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SASS 2023: Austin

DISCOVER AUSTIN

Austin is a dynamic city with a vibrant arts, culture, and music scene. Follow SASS on social media, on our website, and in the upcoming issues of News and Notes as we partner with Visit Austin to highlight some of the exciting opportunities a meeting in Austin has to offer!

This month we are looking at the city itself. Watch the videos and follow the links below to get an overview of what makes Austin one of the most exciting (and weirdest) cities in the United States!



DOWNTOWN

As hoppin' during the week as it is during the weekends, this bustling area of commerce, cuisine, cocktails and the Capitol is a melting pot of finance and fun, as well as philanthropic conservation. In addition to opportunities for retail therapy, the arts scene is alive and well, thanks to touchstones like the Mexic-Arte Museum and The Contemporary Museum of Art.

<https://www.austintexas.org/things-to-do/entertainment-districts/downtown/>

CENTRAL AUSTIN

The University of Texas at Austin campus is technically in Central Austin but we will be right on the edge of downtown as well. Click on the link below to learn more about everything there is to do in the neighborhoods around campus and be sure to check out the November News and Notes for more info about the university itself!

<https://www.austintexas.org/austin-insider-blog/post/central-austin/>



WHAT TO DO IN TEXAS?

Episode 5: Austin

In this episode, we visit Austin, Texas. Austin is the capital of Texas and the motto in Austin is to keep it "Weird". Austin has a lot of hidden gems and escapes. I visited some of the most popular attractions while touring the city and in this video, I highlighted the things you should do when you are visiting Austin, Texas on your next vacation.

<https://youtu.be/BCbAb4CzU14>

Open Positions

THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY - ARCTIC STUDIES

Assistant Professor, Tenure Track

The Department of Scandinavian at the University of California, Berkeley seeks applications for an Assistant Professor in the area of Arctic Studies with an emphasis in indigenous studies, with an expected start date of July 1, 2023. For more information about the position, including required qualifications and application materials, please visit <https://aprecruit.berkeley.edu/JPF03553>. The deadline to apply is October 17, 2022. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, disability, age, or protected veteran status. With questions, please contact issahr@berkeley.edu.



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

Please send announcements and suggestions to newsandnotes@scandinavianstudy.org.

In the Next Issue

- GET TO KNOW UT-AUSTIN
- CALL FOR PAPERS SASS 2023: AUSTIN
- CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR THE 2023 BALDWIN FELLOWSHIP AND THE 2023 HAUGEN SCHOLARSHIP
- HOW TO REGISTER FOR SASS 2023: AUSTIN
- ...AND MUCH MORE!



Open Positions cont...

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UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE, KNOXVILLE

POLITICS OF POPULISM, NATIONALISM, AND IDENTITY (ASSISTANT PROFESSOR, TENURE TRACK) – UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE, POLITICAL SCIENCE

The Department of Political Science at the University of Tennessee invites applications for a tenure track, assistant professor position in the politics of populism, nationalism, and/or identity to begin Fall 2023. We are particularly interested in applicants who use rigorous and creative analytical approaches to address substantively important questions pertaining to these themes. Relevant research interests include (but are not limited to): nationalist, populist, or nativist parties or movements; conflicts, inequalities, or other relations between identity groups such as those based on ethnicity, race, religion, caste, social class, or national origin; politics of and policies pertaining to historically marginalized groups; xenophobia and discrimination toward migrants, refugees, or other marginalized individuals; etc.

The successful candidate must have strong research skills and a theoretically oriented research agenda that will lead to publication in peer-reviewed outlets (journals and/or books). The position is open with respect to method, subfield, and geographic region. Preference will be shown for applicants who have research and teaching interests that complement existing departmental interests and strengths (especially in the areas of global security and/or the politics of inequality), have a capacity for attracting extramural funding, demonstrate evidence of or potential for college/university teaching excellence, and exhibit a commitment to diversity and inclusion. The Knoxville campus of the University of Tennessee is seeking candidates who have the ability to contribute in meaningful ways to the diversity and intercultural goals of the University. The position is a 9-month, tenure-track appointment, and the salary is competitive and commensurate with qualifications and experience.

The University of Tennessee, Knoxville, is the state's flagship research institution, a campus of choice for outstanding undergraduates, and a premier graduate institution. As a land-grant university, it is committed to excellence in learning, scholarship, and engagement with society. More information about the Department is available at: <https://polisci.utk.edu/>. The Department also has a close working relationship with the Howard H. Baker, Jr. Center for Public Policy, which can provide a variety of resources and opportunities for faculty.

QUALIFICATIONS

All the requirements for a Ph.D. in political science, public policy, or related discipline must be finished at the time of appointment.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Applicants should send a cover letter, a current CV, graduate transcripts, a sample of scholarly writing, a research statement, a teaching statement, and a statement concerning experience with and plans for contributing to diversity, equity, and inclusion. All applicants should request letters from three references to be directly uploaded to Interfolio. Please submit application materials in digital format via Interfolio (apply.interfolio.com/109943). Review of applications begins September 20, 2022, and will continue until the position is filled. For questions or inquiries, contact Professor Matt Buehler at mbuehle2@utk.edu.

Application: apply.interfolio.com/109943

Website: <https://apply.interfolio.com/109943>

Date Position Closes: 2022-09-20

Additional Information: apply.interfolio.com/109943

Applicant Contact Person: Matt Buehler

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Plan your winter reading with a sneak-peek of the articles in our next issue.

- Adèle Kreager, "Encounters at the Mound in Old Norse Literature: Dialogues between Landscape and Narrative"
- Adriana Margareta Dancus, "Young Women and Disgust in Contemporary Norwegian Comics"
- Agnete Nesse, "Poetic Resistance: Girls's Autograph Albums during WWII in Norway"
- Harriet Soper, "Echoing Retorts in Hárbarðsljóð and Lokasenna"
- Jonas Wellendorf, "Ethnogenesis and Stranger-Kings in Old Scandinavian Literature"



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