

THE SWEDISH SOCIETY FOR THE STUDY OF ENGLISH SWESSE NEWSLETTER

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Dear SWESSE Members,

In case you were somehow spared the sudden drop in temperature, I can confirm that summer is indeed over, and the Fall term is upon us. I hope it is off to a great start for everyone. I have recently returned from ESSE-16, and I have some news to share about ESSE and SWESSE.

REPORT FROM THE ESSE BOARD MEETING, Mainz 2022

The European Society for the Study of English (ESSE) held its board meeting on 28 and 29 August 2022. Some outcomes of the meeting include the re-elections of ESSE Treasurer, Professor Gašper Ilc, University of Ljubljana, and ESSE Secretary, Professor Biljana Mišić Ilić, University of Niš, each for another three-year period, beginning 1 January 2023. A summary of other key decisions made by the Board can be found here: <https://essenglish.org/esse-announcements/>

EJES (European Journal of English Studies)

EJES is the official journal of ESSE, a peer-reviewed journal published by Routledge. The current editors are **Greta Olson** (Justus Liebig University, Giessen), **Isabel Carrera Suárez** (University of Oviedo) and **Katerina Kitsi-Mitakou** (Aristotle University of Thessaloniki). The new book review editor is **Frederik Van Dam** (Radboud University). For more information on *EJES*, see: <http://essenglish.org/ejes/>. See also the attached letter from EJES editor Greta Olson, including information about low individual subscription fees.

ESSE FINANCIAL SUPPORT AND AWARDS

ESSE offers grants, bursaries, and other forms of funding as well as awards prizes for books. It is a great source of financial support for research activity, so please do check out the funding opportunities on the ESSE website: <https://essenglish.org/research-and-support/>

THE 17TH ESSE CONFERENCE, 2024

This year's ESSE board meeting preceded the ESSE-16 conference, which opened at Johannes Gutenberg University, Mainz, Germany, in the afternoon of 29 August, and closed on 2 September. The next ESSE conference (ESSE-17) will be held at the University of Lausanne, Switzerland, in 2024.

NATIONAL FORUM FOR ENGLISH STUDIES, 2023

The 12th National Forum for English Studies will take place at Mälardalen University, 26-28 April 2023. The call for papers and more information can be found [here](#); please contact Thorsten Schröter (thorsten.schroter@mdh.se) for inquiries.

ENGLISH STUDIES IN SWEDEN

The SWESSE website is currently being updated, including a page for jobs announcements and latest books by members. The page dedicated to [English Studies in Sweden](#) is remaining, but it will no longer include information about specific faculty members or other details that require regular updates. Descriptions of some of the English departments listed have been updated according to information available on home pages, and I will continue updating in this way.

Please contact me (kristy.beers.fagersten@sh.se) if your department would prefer an alternative text on the SWESSE website.

INFORMATION AND CONTACTS

Information about upcoming seminars, symposia, calls for papers and the like can be shared via the SWESSE website and/or the member mailing list:

SWESSE website

We welcome information regarding forthcoming conferences, workshops, newly published books by members, research projects, jobs, and other academic activities of interest for posting on the SWESSE website: <http://swesse.se/>. Please send any such information to Tim Roberts, tim.roberts@kau.se.

SWESSE member mailing list

If you wish information such information to be circulated directly to members, please e-mail me, kristy.beers.fagersten@sh.se.

SWESSE MEMBERSHIP

All questions relating to membership should be addressed to SWESSE Treasurer Anna Swärth, anna.swarth@english.su.se. Membership in SWESSE includes membership in ESSE; ESSE membership lists are to be finalized in November to secure valid membership for the following year. Anna will soon be making contact to collect updated lists of members and the corresponding fee.

DOCTORAL STUDENT NETWORK

There is interest in organizing a network for doctoral students of English, possibly according to specialization (literature, linguistics, and/or didactics). Please support this effort by spreading news of the network throughout your departments. Either Tim Roberts (doctoral representative) (tim.roberts@kau.se) or Denise (denise.bergstrom@ltu.se) can be contacted for further information. On this note, a reminder that a doctoral symposium is run every year in conjunction with the ESSE Board meeting, which every other year precedes the ESSE conference, normally at the end of August. The 2023 doctoral symposium will thus be in Aosta, Italy, followed by the 2024 doctoral symposium in Lausanne, Switzerland.

PROFESSORS' MEETING

There will be a professors' meeting on 29 September, 10:00-15:00, hosted by Magnus Ullén at Stockholm University, and chaired by Terry Walker. Please let your friendly neighborhood professor know of any issue you would like the group to discuss!

FINALLY: TV TIPS!

My latest discoveries are *Last Tango in Halifax* and *This Is Going to Hurt*, the former a decidedly lighter-fare family drama but starring the brilliant Nicola Walker (who was apparently worried about replicating a Yorkshire accent), and the latter a devastating medical drama (with comic relief) about the NHS from the perspective of a doctor on a maternity ward, starring an also brilliant Ben Whishaw.

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