

## THE SWEDISH SOCIETY FOR THE STUDY OF ENGLISH SWESSE NEWSLETTER

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Dear SWESSE Members,

I hope your summer break was refreshing and your Fall term is off to a delightful (though most likely digital) start. In this newsletter, I have collected some SWESSE-related activities and events of potential relevance and interest to you.

### **REPORT FROM THE ESSE BOARD MEETING (Zoom), 2021**

The European Society for the Study of English (ESSE) held its board meeting on 27 August 2021 by Zoom. The board meeting preceded the ESSE conference, which had been postponed from 2020 until August 30<sup>th</sup> – September 3<sup>rd</sup> 2021, hosted online by Lumière University Lyon 2. Some outcomes of the board meeting include the re-election of ESSE President Andreas Jucker (University of Zurich) and the election of Laura Esteban Segura (University of Malaga) as the new Editor of *The ESSE Messenger*. A summary of the key decisions made by the Board can be found here: <https://essenglish.org/decisions-taken-by-the-board-2021/>.

#### ***ESSE Messenger***

The *ESSE Messenger*'s latest call for papers (for the Winter 2021 issue) targets doctoral students; no specific theme is associated. More information can be found here:

<https://essenglish.org/messenger/cfps/>

#### ***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 book review editor is **Adam Piette** (University of Sheffield). For more information on *EJES*, see: <http://essenglish.org/ejes/>.

#### **ESSE BOOK GRANTS AND BURSARIES**

ESSE offers grants for the purchase of books, which has now been extended to include access to resources other than books, such as specialized online databases, corpora, or library collections. The deadline for the submission of applications for book grants is **May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022**. ESSE also offers bursaries, and a new category of bursary to support gender studies within English studies has been instated for 2022. The deadline for the submission of applications is **March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022**. Details can be found on the ESSE website: <https://essenglish.org>

#### **ESSE COLLABORATIVE PROJECT WORKSHOP SCHEME**

ESSE offers offers seed funding of up to €8,000 to support preliminary meetings of European researchers working towards collaborative research projects in the field of English Studies.

For more details see: <https://essenglish.org/workshop-scheme/>

### **THE 16<sup>TH</sup> ESSE CONFERENCE, MAINZ, 2022**

The next ESSE conference is scheduled to take place August 29<sup>th</sup> - September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022. More information, including announcements, CFPs, and deadlines can be found here:

<https://esse2022.uni-mainz.de>

## **NORDIC ASSOCIATION FOR ENGLISH STUDIES (NAES)**

The Nordic Association for English Studies (NAES) aims to advance research and study in the Nordic countries of the English language and of Anglophone literatures and societies. NAES holds triennial international conferences in the Nordic countries, the most recent of which was in Aarhus, Denmark in 2019. **The NAES conference in May 2022 will be hosted by Stockholm University** and organised by Anna Swärdh. NAES is affiliated to ESSE, and also has close connections with the Danish Association of English Studies (DAES), the Finnish Society for the Study of English (FINSSE), the Norwegian Society for English Studies (NORSE), and SWESSE. More information is available on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1725418044367398/?ref=bookmarks>

## **NATIONAL FORUM FOR ENGLISH STUDIES, 2023**

The 12<sup>th</sup> National Forum for English Studies will take place at Mälardalen University. Please contact Thorsten Schröter ([thorsten.schroter@mdh.se](mailto:thorsten.schroter@mdh.se)) for inquiries or more information.

## **ENGLISH STUDIES IN SWEDEN**

On the SWESSE website, we have a page dedicated to [English Studies in Sweden](#). The idea behind this is to create and maintain a one-stop resource for keeping up-to-date with the teaching, research and staff in English studies at higher education institutions across Sweden. This is a potentially invaluable resource but requires regular input from each institution to make this work. If your department is not currently represented, or if you would like to update your presentation, please contact Stuart Robertson, [stuart.robertson@engelska.uu.se](mailto:stuart.robertson@engelska.uu.se), to submit an overview of courses offered, research profiles, and current staff.

## **INFORMATION AND CONTACTS**

Please send in information about upcoming seminars, symposia, calls for papers and the like for dissemination to SWESSE members, via the website and/or the mailing list:

### **SWESSE Website**

We welcome information regarding forthcoming conferences, workshops, and other academic activities of interest for posting on the SWESSE website: <http://swesse.se/>. Please send any such information to Stuart Robertson, [stuart.robertson@engelska.uu.se](mailto:stuart.robertson@engelska.uu.se).

### **SWESSE Mailing list**

If you wish information such as calls for papers to be circulated directly to members, please e-mail me, [kristy.beers.fagersten@sh.se](mailto:kristy.beers.fagersten@sh.se).

### **SWESSE Membership**

All questions relating to membership should be addressed to SWESSE Treasurer Anna Swärdh, [anna.swardh@english.su.se](mailto:anna.swardh@english.su.se).

## **TV TIPS!**

Finally, a couple of recommendations if you have any time to watch TV: First, *The Chair* (Netflix) is a dramedy featuring Sandra Oh playing the first woman (and person of color) to be elected Chair of the English Department at fictional Pembroke University. Much of the series was filmed in Pennsylvania, which brings me to my second recommendation, *Mare of Easttown* (HBO Nordic), which features Kate Winslet as a detective in Delaware County, Pennsylvania, portrayed with a spot-on Delco accent.

Best,  
Kristy Beers Fägersten, SWESSE President