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UW's Swedish Program Receives Top International Honors

(Seattle) The University of Washington's Swedish Studies Program is one of the two best in the world, according to the Swedish Institute in Stockholm. The program receiving the European award is the Czech Republic's Masaryk University in Brno.

This award recognizes the UW Swedish program's outstanding efforts in promoting the Swedish language and culture outside of Sweden. The program provides "American students the opportunity to pursue in-depth studies in Swedish society and culture within their (collegiate) majors."

Particularly cited were UW Associate Professor Lotta Gavel Adams and Senior Lecturer Ia Dubois, both Swedish specialists on the UW Department of Scandinavian Studies faculty. The award came after presentations by UW Scandinavian Studies students at the Conference for North American University Teachers of Swedish, which was held at the UW in October.

"We're thrilled for all of our very special faculty members and for the entire Swedish program," says Professor Terje Leiren, Chair of the UW Department of Scandinavian Studies. "A critical part of this program, of course, is the group of thoughtful and innovative students who challenge each of us as faculty members every day to do better and know more."

The award for the UW Swedish Program includes a monetary prize of 10,000 Swedish Kronor to support the work of the UW Department of Scandinavian Studies. The Swedish Institute is a public, government-funded agency working closely with Swedish embassies and consulates throughout the world to encourage knowledge about Swedish history, cultural and political institutions.

As with all the other programs in the UW Department of Scandinavian Studies, the Swedish Studies Program offers undergraduate and graduate degrees and research opportunities to students. The program also serves the commercial and non-profit communities, and provides advice and counsel to the federal government.

The University of Washington Department of Scandinavian Studies is an international leader in scholastic and economic information about cultural and political issues originating within the countries of Northern Europe. Besides Sweden, the Scandinavian Department's programs in literature, language, history, politics and folklore cover Denmark, Finland, Iceland and Norway. In addition, the Department is the home of a unique Baltic Studies Program, offering Estonian, Latvian and Lithuanian studies.

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