**NAME OF ASSOCIATION: NAAS**

**CONFERENCES:**

**2014**

The Eight Biennial Swedish Association for American Studies (SAAS) Conference was held at Örebro University, Sweden, 26-27 September, 2014. The plenary speakers were Bo G Ekelund (Stockholm University), Cheryl Glenn (Penn State University), and Sharon Monteith (University of Nottingham).

**2015**

"American Values: Public Virtues, Private Vices?" The 24th Biennial NAAS conference, University of Oulu, Finland, May 11-13, 2015. The conference is organized by the Nordic Association for American Studies (NAAS) and it will offer papers - by approximately 100 speakers from over 10 different countries - on how America has defined its central values in politics, history, literature, architecture, film, the media, popular culture, and everyday living. Conference website: <https://sites.google.com/site/fasafinnishamericanstudies/naas-2015-conference>

”The Machine in the Garden: Energy, Industry, and Technology in American Culture.” The 40th Annual Conference of the American Studies Association of Norway (ASANOR), 23-25 October 2015, Stavanger. Conference website: <http://www.asanor.com/index.php?artID=561&navB=1>

**OTHER ACTIVITIES:**

*As a rule, the Danish Association for American Studies (DAAS) does not organize its own conferences but contributes to and advertises other conferences and seminars of relevance to American Studies.*

University of Southern Denmark, Institute of Sports Science and Clinical Biomechanics, Department of Political Science and Public Management, and Center for American Studies, December 12, 2014: Lecture and seminar featuring Robert Putnam, Harvard University: “Bowling Alone Or Bowling Together: Twenty Years of Research in Social Capital”

University of Copenhagen, December 11, 2014: Seminar and book launch: “History Across Borders: What Is the Impact of *Place* when Writing and Teaching History?,” featuring

Nicolas Barreyre, EHESS & CENA, France; Lecturer in North American History Max Edling, King’s College London; Professor of American History Manfred Berg, University of Heidelberg; Professor Helle Porsdam, Saxo Institute, University of Copenhagen; Professor of American Studies David Nye, University of Southern Denmark

University of Southern Denmark, Center for American Studies, December 5, 2014: PhD defense: Anne Mørk successfully defended her PhD dissertation, “Fifteen Minutes of Fame Every Decade: Presidential Politics and National Service”

University of Southern Denmark, Center for American Studies, November 20-21, 2014: Conference: “Visualizing War: The Power of Emotions in Politics,” featuring keynotes by *W.J.T. Mitchell*, Professor of English and Art History, University of Chicago; *Jan Mieszkowski*, Professor of German and Humanities, Reed College; *Lene Hansen*, Professor of Political Science, Copenhagen University; *Sten Rynning*, Professor of International Relations and Leader of the Center of War Studies, University of Southern Denmark; *Christine Kanz*, Professor of German, University of Ghent; *Stephan Jaeger*, Professor of German Studies, University of Manitoba

University of Southern Denmark, Center for American Studies, November 6, 2014: Lecture by David Ryan, University College Cork, Ireland: “Remembering Vietnam in the Wars for Iraq and the Wider Middle East”

University of Southern Denmark, Center for American Studies, October 24, 2014: Lecture by David Hollinger, University of California, Berkeley: “John F. Kennedy and the Dynamics of American Anti-Catholicism”

University of Southern Denmark, Center for American Studies, September 24, 2014: The Annual Honora Rankine-Galloway Lecture by Jeffrey Bolster, University of New Hampshire: “The Mortal Sea: An Environmental History of North Atlantic Fish and Fishermen”

University of Southern Denmark, Center for American Studies, August 28, 2014: Seminar on “Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and His Dream,” featuring talks by Associate Professor Niels Bjerre-Poulsen, Ph.D. Student Anne Mørk, Associate Professor Jan Nordby Gretlund, Professor David E. Nye, and Associate Professor Jørn Brøndal

Danish Institute for Human Rights, May 28, 2014: Lecture by Barbara J. Keys, University of Melbourne: “Reclaiming American Virtue – The Human Rights Revolution of the 1970s”

University of Southern Denmark, Center for American Studies, May 9, 2014: Lecture by Winfried Fluck, Freie Universität Berlin: “Reading for Recognition”

University of Southern Denmark, Center for American Studies, April 28, 2014: Lecture by Gareth Davies, Oxford University: “Fatalism and Mastery in U.S. Disaster Management, 1800 to the Present”

University of Copenhagen, Saxo Institute: Lecture by Karen V. Hansen, Brandeis University: “Illuminating the Encounter between Scandinavian Settlers and Dakota Indians, 1890-1930”

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[http://www.mediapinta.fi/isbn/978-952-235-705-2](http://www.mediapinta.fi/isbn/978-952-235-705-2" \t "_blank)

Rani-Henrik Andersson & Saara Kekki, eds.: *North American Studies Crossroads: An Anthology of Finnish Perspectives* (Univ. of Helsinki, Dept. of World Cultures, 2014)

[https://tuhat.halvi.helsinki.fi/portal/fi/publications/crossing-disciplina%281a132afd-6a11-466d-b9bd-0da2eab12026%29.html](https://tuhat.halvi.helsinki.fi/portal/fi/publications/crossing-disciplina%281a132afd-6a11-466d-b9bd-0da2eab12026%29.html" \t "_blank)

Rani-Henrik Andersson, Riku Hämäläinen & Saara Kekki: *Intiaanikulttuurien käsikirja* [*Handbook of Native American Cultures*] (Helsinki: Gaudeamus, 2013):

[http://www.gaudeamus.fi/andersson-intiaanikulttuurien-kasikirja/](http://www.gaudeamus.fi/andersson-intiaanikulttuurien-kasikirja/" \t "_blank)

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[http://www.amazon.com/Thomas-Jeffersons-Ethics-Politics-Progress/dp/1107040787](http://www.amazon.com/Thomas-Jeffersons-Ethics-Politics-Progress/dp/1107040787" \t "_blank)

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Johan Höglund. *The American Imperial Gothic: Popular Culture, Empire, Violence*. Farnham : Ashgate, 2014.

<http://www.ashgate.com/isbn/9781409449546>

Maria Holmgren Troy, Elizabeth Kella, and Helena Wahlström. *Making Home : Orphanhood, Kinship, and Cultural Memory in Contemporary American Novels.* Manchester : Manchester University Press, 2014.

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Jan Nordby Gretlund, *Heads on Fire : Essays on Southern Fiction*, Odense: University Press of Southern Denmark, 2014

Anders Bo Rasmussen, *I krig for Lincoln : Dansk blod i Den amerikanske Borgerkrig*, Copenhagen: Informations Forlag, 2014

Sirpa Salenius. *Rose Elizabeth Cleveland: First Lady and Literary Scholar*, New York : Palgrave Macmillan, 2014.

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