



# The Swedish Emigrant Institute

**The Swedish Emigrant Institute (SEI)** is located in The House of Emigrants where you will find the institute's archival collections, research room and exhibition hall. Established in 1965, SEI contains a large collection of letters, diaries, photographs, personal archives and more. The collections mainly focus on Swedish emigration to the United States, but also contain materials related to migration to and from other parts of the world, such as Canada, South America, Australia and South Africa. The Swedish Emigrant Institute finding aids are available online via the Swedish National Archive (Riksarkivet) website [www.sok.riksarkivet.se/nad](http://www.sok.riksarkivet.se/nad). (Under "Archival Institution" select "Svenska Emigrantinstitutet.")

**SEI works closely** with the Centre for Concurrences in Colonial and Postcolonial Studies, a leading research center at Linnaeus University. The Centre has approximately 25 members, from PhD students to full professors. Its research spans eight disciplines and analyzes encounters between different cultures and identities in the context of European overseas expansion from the fifteenth century onwards. For more information about the Centre, visit [www.lnu.se](http://www.lnu.se).

**The House of Emigrants and Linnaeus University** are just 1.6 miles apart in Växjö, a city of over 70,000 inhabitants in the province of Småland, one of the areas from which a large number of Swedes emigrated to the United States between 1850-1930. Växjö is a popular tourist destination. Visit [www.vaxjo.se](http://www.vaxjo.se) for information about the city's history and attractions. SEI is located next to the Växjö train station. From there, it is just a two-hour train ride to Copenhagen Kastrup International Airport. The distance between Växjö and Stockholm, the capital of Sweden, is approximately 270 miles, a four-hour journey by train.