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*It's all about the ladies!*  
**11<sup>th</sup> Annual New Sweden History Conference**  
**The Women of New Sweden: 1638-1800**  
Saturday, November 5th, 2011, 9am-3pm  
At Widener University

Join us for the eleventh installment of the New Sweden History Conference, an annual forum on the latest research about New Sweden for the general public, to be held in Latham Hall at Widener University in Chester, PA. This year's topic, "The Women of New Sweden: 1638-1800", focuses on the social and political roles played by women of various ethnicities in the Delaware Valley from the mid-17<sup>th</sup> through the 18<sup>th</sup> century.

Four scholars from Sweden and the United States will examine the subject from different angles, with lecture topics ranging from Swedish-Lenape relations to the role of women in New Sweden church and government. The conference program is as follows:

Morning Session (9:45am-12pm):

Gunlög Fur, "Lenape and Swedish Women in the Delaware Valley: A Comparison of Social and Cultural Roles."

Susan E. Klepp, "Social Roles and Statuses of the Women of the Delaware Valley in the 18<sup>th</sup> Century: A Multiethnic Perspective."

Afternoon Session (1pm-3pm):

Lorraine E. Williams, "The Women of the Church of Sweden Mission, 1697-1786."

Jean R. Soderlund, "Negotiating Three Governments: Armgard Printz's Role in South River Society."

Registration includes continental breakfast and lunch. The early bird registration fee is \$35 per person (\$25 for teachers and students) by October 10th; \$40 (\$30 for teachers and students) thereafter, deadline to register is Oct. 24th. **Please register early—space is limited.** For more information or to register on-line, visit the Events Calendar at [www.americanswedish.org](http://www.americanswedish.org), call (215) 389-1776, or e-mail [education@americanswedish.org](mailto:education@americanswedish.org).

This conference is a partnership between the American Swedish Historical Museum, the Delaware Swedish Colonial Society, Kalmar Nyckel Foundation, the McNeil Center for Early American Studies at the University of Pennsylvania, the New Sweden Centre, Old Swedes Foundation, the Swedish Colonial Society, and Trinity Episcopal (Old Swedes') Church. It is supported by a generous grant from the Barbro Osher Pro Suecia Foundation.

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