

## Department of Economics



**Lena Nekby** Foto: Eva Dalin

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## **Lena Nekby 1964-2014**

Our very dear colleague Lena Nekby passed away on July 5th, 2014, following a period of illness.

Lena Nekby did her graduate studies here at the Department of Economics and presented her PhD dissertation, *Empirical Studies on Health Insurance, Employment of Immigrants and the Gender Wage Gap*, in April 2003. Her dissertation advisor was Mahmood Arai, and he and Michael Lundholm also co-authored one of the papers in the dissertation. Lena was Assistant Professor in the Department from 2003 to 2009 when she was promoted to Associate Professor.

Lena's research was empirically oriented and focused on labor market issues relating to ethnicity, migration and gender. She published her papers in, e.g., *Scandinavian Journal of Economics*, *Economics Letters*, *Journal of Risk and Insurance*. Lena was affiliated with the Stockholm University Linnaeus Center for Integration Studies, and with The Institute for Future Studies.

As a teacher Lena took her responsibilities very seriously, which also meant that she made sure her students took their work seriously. She taught Empirical methods and Econometrics at the bachelor and advanced levels and was the inspiring advisor of numerous undergraduate and master's theses.

Lena's well-deserved promotion to Professor of Economics took effect on July 1st, 2014, only four days before her death. It is some comfort to know that this was not too late for her to be able to enjoy it. We miss Lena very much, and will remember her as a brilliant researcher and teacher, and as a wonderful colleague and friend.