

Swedish and Italian students seek out LERC

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Ms. Stephanie Hjorth, an MA student at the University of Lund in Sweden, currently completing her Master's degree in International Development and Management, visited the Lebanese Emigration Research Center at Notre Dame University to learn more about the fields of migration and gender studies.

Ms. Hjorth is presently in Beirut working on an internship program with Live Lebanon, a project that aims to bring together civil society, local and foreign authorities, the Lebanese emigrants and the private sector.

Ms. Hjorth is conducting research on women and migration, particularly wives and families who are left behind when men emigrate.



Ms. S. Hjorth pictured at the Lebanon Migration Museum at NDU (Sept 2010).

Ms. Oriana Villa is planning to begin her Ph.D. studies and was until recently working with Caritas in the Palestinian Camp of Dbayeh. She is interested in proposing a project that deals with reconciliation and peace among the people who reside in Nab'aa and Bourj Hammoud including Palestinian refugees, Armenians, Kurds, Shiites among others.

Director Guita Hourani of LERC met with the two students separately and discussed their needs, provided advice, and shared knowledge with them. She

also asked the Indexers of the Lebanese Emigration Research Center (LEAD) to share a selection of material to further assist the two students.

Both Ms. Hjorth and Ms. Oriana were delighted with the welcome they received at LERC, and the invaluable advice and service they obtained.