



SVENSKA SÄLLSKAPET FÖR ANTHROPOLOGI OCH GEOGRAFI  
invites to the 2019 VEGA SYMPOSIUM on

## *Witnessing Anthropological Journeys, and the Returns*

Date: Wednesday 24 April 2019, 13:30–17:00  
Venue: Beijersalen, Kungliga vetenskapsakademien, Stockholm  
(metro: Universitetet; bus stop: Universitetet norra)

*The 2019 Vega Symposium honours Professor Emily Martin, Professor of Anthropology at New York University, recipient of SSAG's Medal in Gold 2019, for her profound contributions to anthropological thought and research. The theme of the symposium will focus on anthropological journeys, and the returns. Honoring complex cross-cultural differences in ethical codes about reciprocity, anthropologists have returned books and articles, analytic grammars and dictionaries, and material support. What does the reciprocal relationship between ethnographers and their interlocutors tell us about the kind of knowledge ethnography can produce? Similar questions are now being raised about the proper fate of ethnographic treasures that are housed in American or European museums and libraries. Should such collections of cultural heritage be returned to their communities of origin?*

### **Programme**

13:30 *Opening of the Vega Symposium.*  
Associate Professor Thomas Borén, President SSAG and Chair of the Symposium

13.35 Introduction. Professor Jörgen Hellman, SSAG, Moderator

13:45 *Witnessing Anthropological Journeys, and the Returns.* Professor Emily Martin, New York University, USA

14:30 *Who Owns History: The New York City African Burial Ground, the Movement for Black Lives and Confederate Monuments.* Professor Leith Mullings, Graduate Center, City University of New York, USA

15.00 Coffee

15:30 *Responsibility and Care in/through Returns: Law, Property and Decolonization of Knowledge.* Associate Professor Jane Anderson, New York University, USA

16:00 *The Burden of Giving: Everyday Reciprocity during Anthropological Fieldwork.* Professor Don Kulick, Uppsala University, Sweden

16.30 Discussion

16:45 Closing of the Symposium

Most Welcome!

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