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## Curriculum Vitae Stefan Öberg

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### Academic degrees

2014                      Ph.D., Economic History, University of Gothenburg  
2009                      Master, Economic History, University of Gothenburg

### Main research fields:

Economic History, Historical Demography, Anthropometrics, Public Health, Nutrition

### Main teaching fields:

Introduction to statistics/econometrics, Food history, Development Economics

## Academic experience

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### Research projects:

2016 - 2019              Socioekonomiska skillnader i kost och hälsa under 1900-talet: En longitudinell studie [Socioeconomic dimensions of diet and health during the 20th century: A longitudinal study]  
2015 - 2019              The Wallander PostDoc scholarship (Wallanderstipendium) for outstanding qualities in research.  
2017 - 2017              Den vite mannens grav: 1721 års pandemi. [The White Man's Grave: The 1721 pandemic.]  
2017 - 2017              Var den vite mannens grav lika farlig för icke-vita? En studie av dödligheten bland infödda arbetare i det förkoloniala Västafrika. [Was the White Man's Grave equally dangerous for non-whites? A study of the mortality among native workers in pre-colonial West Africa.]  
2015 - 2015              Liv och Rörelse. Arbete och familj i Göteborg, 1900-1945. [Life on the move. Work and family in Gothenburg, 1900–1945]  
2016 - 2015              The White Man's Grave? Settler mortality rates in pre-colonial West Africa

### Supervision of PhD students:

2016 - 2018              Anna-Maria Eurenus, University of Gothenburg (Co-supervisor)  
2015 - 2018              Stefania Galli, University of Gothenburg (Co-supervisor)

**Reviewer assignments:**

Economic History Review, Demography, Historical Life Courses, History of the Family, Economics & Human Biology

**Academic assignments:**

- 2015 - 2017 Essays in Economic & Business History (guest editor for special issue) (Editor)  
2014 - 2016 History of the Family (guest editor for special issue) (Editor)

**Arranging conference, symposium, seminar or workshop:**

- 2017 Festseminarium för professor Christer Lundh [Seminar in honor of Christer Lundh], 2017-05-03

**Awards, distinctions or commissions of trust:**

- 2015 Pris för bästa doktorsavhandling i ekonomisk historia [Price for best dissertation in economic history, Oct. 5, 2013–Oct. 10, 2015], Svenska Ekonomisk-Historiska Föreningen  
2012 The Gunther Beyer-award for “the best paper by a young scholar” at the European Population Conference, The European Association for Populations Studies

**Pedagogical training:**

- 2013 Teaching and Learning in Higher Education 1: Basic Course  
2008 Högskolepedagogisk vecka

**International academic experience:**

- 2015 - 2015 Guest researcher, Mikko Myrskylä's lab

**Other experience**

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**Experience outside of academia within field:**

- 2012 - 2013 Academic contact person, Reväst

**Participation in public seminars:**

- 2015 Liv och Rörelse. Arbete och Familj i Göteborg 1900-1945, Kunskap Göteborg  
2015 Rik och frisk eller fattig och sjuk?, Offentliga föredrag och presentationer vid Vetenskapsfestivalen i Göteborg [Public presentations and lecture at the International Science Festival, April 15–16 and 18]  
2014 The historical mortality decline, an introduction, Global Week, University of Gothenburg  
2014 Längre kroppar och längre liv. Förändringar av levnadsstandard och hälsa i Sverige de senaste 200 åren, "Akademisk kvart" [Public mini-lecture at the public library], Stadsbiblioteket, Göteborg, December 1

**Publications**

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### **Journal article (peer-reviewed)**

Öberg, Stefan, Rönnbäck, Klas (2017) Socioeconomic Differences in Mortality among European Settlers in Pre-Colonial Western Africa. *Essays in Economic & Business History*, 35:1, p. 315-339.

Öberg, Stefan, Collin, Kristoffer (2017) Regional Variation and Convergence of Height and Living Conditions in Sweden During the Twentieth Century. *Essays in Economic & Business History*, 35:1.

Öberg, Stefan (2016) Did the Poor Pay More? Income-related variations in Diet and Food Quality among Urban Households in Sweden 1913-1914. *Rivista di storia economica*, :2, p. 211-248.

Öberg, Stefan (2015) The direct effect of exposure to disease in early life on the height of young adult men in southern Sweden, 1814–1948. *Population Studies*, 69:2, p. 179-199.

Öberg, Stefan (2015) Sibship size and height before, during, and after the fertility decline: A test of the resource dilution hypothesis. *Demographic Research*, 32, p. 29-74.

Öberg, Stefan (2014) Long-term changes of socioeconomic differences in height among young adult men in Southern Sweden, 1818–1968. *Economics and Human Biology*, 15, p. 140-152.

### **Journal article (other academic)**

Öberg, Stefan (2017) Too many is not enough: studying how children are affected by their number of siblings and resource dilution in families. *History of the Family*, 22:2-3, p. 157-174.

Öberg, Stefan, Fellman, Susanna, Rönnbäck, Klas (2017) The Rhythm of Life and Work: Introduction to a Special Issue in Honor of Professor Christer Lundh. *Essays in Economic & Business History*, 35:1, p. 1-13.

### **Book chapter**

Öberg, Stefan (2016) Height as a measure of the nutritional status and health of a population. In *Food, Population and Health – global Patterns and Challenges. Proceedings of an Interdisciplinary Symposium on the Dynamics from Prehistory to Present*, p. 79-91. Köpenhamn : Det Kongelige Danske Videnskabernes Selskab.

### **Doctoral thesis**

Öberg, Stefan (2014) *Social bodies : family and community level influences on height and weight, southern Sweden 1818-1968*. Doct. thesis, Göteborg: University of Gothenburg.

### **Conference paper**

Öberg, Stefan, Lundh, Christer (2016) Resources and behavior. Sibship size and parental "quality", preferences and investments in child human capital. *European Society of Historical Demography Conference, 21-24 September 2016, Leuven, Belgium*.

Lundh, Christer, Öberg, Stefan (2016) Determinants of nest leaving: evidence from Gothenburg 1915–1943. *European Society of Historical Demography Conference, 21-24 September 2016, Leuven, Belgium*.

Nilsson, Malin, Öberg, Stefan (2016) Short-term variation in male income as a determinant of female and child labor force participation. *XIV Nordic Labour History Conference, 28-30 November, 2016 University of Iceland, Reykjavik, Iceland*.

Lundh, Christel, Öberg, Stefan (2016) Determinants of nest leaving: evidence from

Gothenburg 1915–1943. *XIV Nordic Labour History Conference, 28-30 November, 2016 University of Iceland, Reykjavik, Iceland.*

Öberg, Stefan (2016) Mat och hälsa i ett långt historiskt perspektiv. *Hemekonomdagen, 12 November 2016, Göteborg.*

Öberg, Stefan (2016) Socioeconomic dimensions of diet and health during the 20th century: A longitudinal study. *Sound for Seniors Workshop, Göteborg, 23-24 augusti.*

Öberg, Stefan, Rönnbäck, Klas (2015) The White Man's Grave revisited - settler mortality rates on the pre-colonial Gold Coast. *11th European Historical Economics Society Conference.*

Öberg, Stefan (2015) Rik och frisk eller fattig och sjuk?. *Vetenskapsfestvalen 13-24 april 2015, Göteborg.*

Öberg, Stefan (2015) Household strategies for securing a good diet despite low incomes: Results from household budget surveys in Sweden in the early 20th century. *40th Annual Meeting of the Social Science History Association.*

Öberg, Stefan, Lundh, Christer (2014) Resources and behavior. Sibship size and parental "quality", preferences and investments in child human capital. *39th Annual Meeting of the Social Science History Association, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, November 6-9, 2014.*

Öberg, Stefan (2014) Height and health in nineteenth and twentieth century Sweden. *Food, Population and Health – global Patterns and Challenges, Copenhagen, Denmark, September 22-24, 2014.*

Öberg, Stefan, Nilsson, Malin (2014) Short-term variation in male income as a determinant of female and child labor force participation. *39th Annual Meeting of the Social Science History Association, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, November 6-9, 2014.*

Öberg, Stefan (2014) Regional variation and convergence in height in Sweden, 1870-2000. *39th Annual Meeting of the Social Science History Association, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, November 6-9, 2014.*

Öberg, Stefan (2014) Sibship size and height before, during and after the fertility decline – a test of the resource dilution hypothesis. *Launching Conference for the European Society of Historical Demography, Alghero-Sassari, Sardinia, Italy, September 25-27, 2014.*

Öberg, Stefan (2013) Long-Term Changes in Sickness among Young Men in Sweden, 1851-1930: Evidence from Military Sources. *38th Annual Meeting of the Social Science History Association, 21-24 November, 2013, Chicago, Ill.*

Öberg, Stefan (2013) The direct influence from early-life disease exposure on young adult height, southern Sweden 1814-1950. *The 2013 British Society for Population Studies Conference, 9-11 September 2013, Swansea.*

Öberg, Stefan (2012) The influence from birth order and number of siblings on the heights of young adult men before, during and after the demographic transition. *The XVIth World Economic History Congress, Stellenbosch, 9-13 juli 2012.*

Öberg, Stefan (2012) Long-term changes in socioeconomic differences in height among young men in southern Sweden, 1818-1968. *European Population Conference, Stockholm, 13-16 juni 2012.*

Öberg, Stefan (2011) Long-term changes in sickness among young men in Sweden, 1851-1930: Evidence from military sources. *The Swedish Economic History Meeting, Göteborg, 25-27 augusti, 2011.*

Öberg, Stefan (2011) Socioeconomic differences in height among young men in southern Sweden, 1818-1968: An application of the SOCPO and HISCLASS class schemes. *The 36th Annual Meeting of the Social Science History Association, Boston MA, 17-20 november, 2011.*

Öberg, Stefan, Bohlin, Jan (2010) Regional variation in health and its correlates, Sweden 1850-1940. *European Social Science History Conference, April 11-14, 2010. Ghent, Belgium.*

Öberg, Stefan, Bohlin, Jan (2010) Regional variation in health and its correlates, Sweden 1850-1940. *Ph.D. Conference in Economic Demography, May 10-11, 2010. Mölle, Sweden.*

Öberg, Stefan (2009) Socioeconomic differences in standards of living in Western Sweden 1830-1930. *Svenska ekonomisk-historiska mötet i Uppsala 2009.*

### **Report**

Öberg, Stefan, Rönnbäck, Klas (2016) *Mortality among European settlers in pre-colonial West Africa: The "White Man's Grave" revisited.* Göteborg: University of Gothenburg.

### **Review**

Öberg, Stefan (2011) Book review: Jan Luiten van Zanden, *The Long Road to the Industrial Revolution: The European Economy in a Global Perspective, 1000-1800.* *Scandinavian Economic History Review*, 59:2, p. 190-191.