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**Thorstensson, Roland. Collection of Roland Thorstensson, 1990-
2020.**

GACA Collection 457

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ABSTRACT:

The Roland Thorstensson collection consists of several writings centered on various topics such as his memories of campus, family history, and his experience of studying in Sweden. Content dates from 1990-2020.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE:

Roland Thorstensson attended Swedish Gymnasium until he was nineteen. He received a full ride from the University of Washington. He traveled across the Atlantic on an ocean liner called the M/S Kungsholm to pursue his interests in the field of history, specifically American History. However, during his time in Seattle, he discovered Scandinavian Studies. He received his B.A. in History and German and his Ph.D. in Scandinavian Studies at the University of Washington. During his time at Gustavus Adolphus College, he taught several courses such as Swedish Languages, English, Nordic Literature, Nordic Theater and Film, Sami Culture, and many other interdisciplinary courses from 1971-2010. Thorstensson taught Physical Education (aerobics) in the 1980s, and assistant coached both soccer and cross-country skiing, both on campus and in Scandinavia. He was also a head resident in Uhler Hall from 1971-74. His wife, Edi, was a librarian at Gustavus for many years, and his two children, Martin and Liv, lived in Sweden and Norway with them when he had sabbatical leaves.

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COLLECTION CITATION:

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ACQUISITION:

Roland Thorstensson donated this collection during 2021 and 2022.

PROCESSED BY:

Hailee Horntvedt, student worker, processed this collection and developed the finding aid during October 2021.

SUBJECT HEADINGS:

Thorstensson, Roland B.T., 1946-.
Gustavus Adolphus College--faculty.

GACA Collection 457	Box	Folder
Personal and Family History <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Flipside of a Medal, 2010 • Martha Pettersdotter and Her Children, 1990 	1	1
Gustavus Related Writings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Iter Lapponicum/Travels in Lapland, 2006 (written in Swedish), 2022 (translated to English) • Walking Gustavus 1971, 2017 • Gustavus Reflections: 6 stories reflecting on times spent around campus, 2020 	1	2