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IHRC Awards 2011-2012 ALA Fellowship To Arta Ankrava

The Immigration History Research Center at the University of Minnesota has awarded the American Latvian Association Graduate Fellowship in Latvian American Studies to Arta Ankrava for the 2011-2012 school year.

Arta Ankrava is a second-year Ph.D. student in sociology at the University of Minnesota. She will hold the fellowship for two semesters and conduct research at the Immigration History Research Center's Latvian American Collections, while participating in scholarly activities at the Center.

Ms. Ankrava is studying Latvian community identity in the United States during and after the period in which Latvia regained its independence in the late 20th century. The insights that she derives about Latvian culture and migration will position the history of Latvian diaspora experience within a growing body of research on the relationship of immigrants and homelands.



Ms. Ankrava received her bachelor's degree from the University of Latvia in sociology and an M.A. in social anthropology from Goldsmiths College, University of London. She was born in Riga, Latvia, and is fluent in both Latvian and English.

For more information about the Immigration History Research Center, its Latvian American Collections or the ALA Graduate Fellowship, please contact Haven Hawley, Program Director of the IHRC, at ihrc@umn.edu or 612-625-4800.

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