



**Department of Clinical Neuroscience (CNS)**  
Division of Insurance Medicine

**Curriculum Vitae – Pia Svedberg**

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**Education**

2013 Associate professor of Epidemiology, Karolinska Institutet (KI)  
2006 PhD Epidemiology, KI  
1995 BSc Psychology, Uppsala University

**Positions**

2015- Researcher and head of research group, Division of Insurance  
Medicine, CNS, KI  
20110101-20141231 Research associate, Division of Insurance Medicine, CNS, KI  
20060612-20101231 Post-doctoral fellow, Division of Insurance Medicine, CNS, KI  
20060401-20060611 Researcher, Dept. Medical Epidemiology and Biostatistics (MEB), KI  
20010101-20060331 Doctoral student, MEB, KI  
20020105-20020305 Visiting scholar – University of Southern California, LA, USA  
(Funding: Erik and Edith Fernströms foundation)  
19941101-19990430 Research assistant/coordinator, the Swedish Twin Registry,  
Institute of Environmental medicine (IMM) *and*  
19990501-20021231 Dept. of Medical Epidemiology & Biostatistics (MEB), KI  
19940101-19940630 Research assistant, Royal Institute of technology, KTH *and*  
19920115-19930228 Built Environment, Laboratory of applied psychology, Gävle

**Research interests**

Risk factors for, and adverse outcomes of being sickness absent or disability pensioned -  
with specific focus on musculoskeletal and mental disorders; self-rated health; health  
behaviors; stress; sleep; burnout; work related factors; epidemiology; twin studies

**Supervision of PhD students who defended their thesis**

20130205 Co-supervisor: Åsa Samuelsson, KI  
20130322 Co-supervisor: Aron Naimi-Akbar, KI  
20171215 Main supervisor: Lisa Mather, KI  
20190517 Co-supervisor; Sanna Kärkkäinen, University of Eastern Finland, Kuopio

**Mentor for PhD-student:**

2013 – Camilla Martinsson (prev. Westlund), IMM, KI (Lic. Sept-2017)

**Postdocs:**

Victoria Blom (2011-2014)  
Jurgita Narusyte (2010-2014)  
Björg Helgadóttir (2017-2019)  
Lisa Mather (2018-2019)  
Karoline Seglem, visiting postdoc from Oslo, 20180401-0630.  
Mo Wang (2019)  
Sanna Kärkkäinen (2019-2020)

### Funding

VR 2017-2020; VR Infrastructure REWHARD 2018-2022; AFA Insurance 2017-2019; KI funds 2010-2021: Forte (FAS) postdoc 2008-2009; The Swedish Society of Medicine 2008 & 2010-2013; VR 2009-2011; Magnus Bergvalls foundation 2008-2009 & 2014-2015; Forte (FAS) project 2010-2012; KI-PIH 2008; KI-CfV postdoc 2009-2010; KI-SFO-Epi 2012-2013; KI-KID 2012-2015.

### Some commissions of trust

- Reviewer report from Social Insurance Agency (FK), Stockholm (2020) regarding patterns and development of sick leave in Sweden.
- Evaluator for teaching position (Sakkunnig granskning lektorstjänst) Örebro Universitet, 2019 (23 applicants).
- Peer-review systematic report on graded sick leave, National Institute of Public Health, Oslo, Norway, 2018
- Board member and steering group member REWHARD infrastructure (2018--)
- Board member Statistical advisory board, National Social Insurance Agency, 2013-2018
- Board member of the NAPE (Nordic Association for Psychiatric Epidemiology) 2010-2016
- Member of the executive team of Division of Insurance Medicine, 2011--
- Grant evaluator KID funding Karolinska Institutet, 2012-2015
- Coordinator NorTwinDisa network of Nordic twin researchers 'disability pension & sick leave', 2012--
- Opponent PhD Thesis [7April2014] Line C. Gjerde, UiO, Norway. "Genetic and environmental contributions to personality disorders, long-term sick leave and disability pension"
- Opponent PhD Thesis [18December2015], Kristian Amundsen Østby, UiO, Norway. "Risk factors for workforce non-participation"
- Evaluation committee PhD Thesis (half-time control), Linda Eriksson, KI, 2020-05-13
- Evaluation committee PhD Thesis Josefin Edwall Löfvenborg, KI, IMM, 2019-04-26
- Evaluation committee PhD Thesis Hanna Sahlin, CNS, KI 2018-04-13
- Evaluation committee PhD Thesis Viktoria Johansson, MEB, KI 2015-09-18
- Evaluation committee PhD Thesis Johannes Arpegård, KS, KI, 2015-10-09
- Pre-examiner PhD Thesis Anna Svärd, Helsinki, Finland, 2018
- Chair at doctoral thesis defence: Mirkka Söderman, May 8, 2020.
- Chair at doctoral thesis defence: Domitilla DiTiene, June 14, 2019.
- Chair at doctoral thesis defence; Syed Ghulam Rahman, February 24, 2017.
- Peer-review assignments for different journals; *International Journal of Epidemiology*, *European Journal of Epidemiology*, *Social Science and Medicine*, *Digestive and Liver Disease*, *Obesity*, *Scandinavian Journal of Public Health*, *Behavior Genetics*, *Twin Research Human Genetics*, etc.
- Supervisor of several Master and Medical students' thesis and project work

### Publications

104 peer-reviewed original scientific publications;  
5 peer-reviewed *review* articles;  
3 books/chapters;  
7 scientific reports in Swedish;  
84 peer-reviewed abstracts for presentations/workshops at various conferences.  
H-index: 26