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## FIRST LADY OF POLAND ANNA KOMOROWSKA VISITS THE KF

On September 23rd, 2014, Anna Komorowska, First Lady of Poland, visited the Kosciuszko Foundation. Dr. John Micgiel, President and Executive Director warmly welcomed the First Lady, accompanied by the Consul General of Poland, Ewa Junczyk-Ziomecka, and members of the office of the President of Poland. Among the guests were KF Trustees, former President and Executive Director, Alex Storozynski, and staff. The First Lady toured the KF gallery and expressed great enthusiasm when listening to the history and accomplishments of the KF. A small reception followed during which the First Lady signed the KF guestbook. 🇵🇱





MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

DR. JOHN S. MICGIEL

## SCHOLARSHIPS: SOMETHING TO BE THANKFUL FOR

As I reflect on the progress that the Kosciuszko Foundation has experienced over the last several decades, I cannot but express my appreciation and thanks. My appreciation goes to the many members who have supported the Foundation in good times and bad, and the staff members, Trustees, and volunteers who helped run and manage the Foundation's various programs over the years.

Mark Twain famously wrote that "There are three kinds of lies: lies, damned lies, and statistics." Yet, as we say today, "Money talks," and it seems entirely appropriate to look back at the last 90 years of the Foundation's activities in the area of scholarships. Like most young enterprises, the Kosciuszko Foundation arose from humble beginnings. Dr. Steven P. Mizwa wrote in *The Kosciuszko Foundation Reports, 1948-1952, A Review of the First Quarter Century*,

In the beginning, in 1925—there was nothing, no building, not even a typewriter or desk space, and no funds. There was only an idea and a few people who believed in it. At the end of the first quarter century (sic), in 1950, the Foundation was located in a magnificent little building of its own in midtown New York; had in its endowment fund, plant and equipment over quarter of a million dollars; had provided nearly half a million dollars' worth in scholarships and other services within the scope of its activities, and is generally held in high esteem in educational circles and among its sister organizations of similar purposes.

By 1970, the Foundation had raised \$1 million in endowment funds. Then-KF President Dr. Eugene Kusielewicz reported in the 1977 *Kosciuszko Foundation Newsletter (No.309)* that the Foundation had granted some \$277,000 in scholarships and aid during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1977, and secured an additional \$85,000 in the form of tuition waivers, transportation grants, housing, and so on. And the endowments kept growing.

KF President Dr. Albert Juszczak reported in January 1985 that the endowment had grown to \$4 million, and that for 1983-84, \$335,485 in grants and scholarships had been awarded. His successor Joseph E. Gore, Esq., led the Foundation from 1987 to 2008, and faced, as his predecessors had, economic ups and downs. In 2008, the Foundation awarded \$1,001,820 in scholarships and grants, and the Foundation's investments rose to over \$25 million. With the onset of the financial crisis of 2007-08, he and his successor President Mr. Alex Storozyński

had to deal with a much smaller income and the amount that could be devoted to scholarships and grants plummeted.

With a good deal of hard work, a positive change in the financial markets, and with the good advice of the KF Finance Committee, in 2013-2014, the Kosciuszko Foundation was able to provide scholarships and grants of \$946,181. According to the Annual Financial Report (available online), the endowment funds amounted to just over \$29 million.

That sounds like a lot of money, but the needs are just as great, perhaps greater, than they were in the past. More scholarship applications, a broader array of cultural events that are taking place throughout the United States thanks to our eight Chapters and a Center in Washington, D.C., a Warsaw office that handles Foundation affairs in Poland, all these evidence the need for more support, and more effort.

We cannot do it without you. The Foundation relies on its members to participate in our activities when and wherever possible. Case in point: the enormously successful campaign to stop the erroneous use by the press of the term "Polish concentration camps" when referring to Nazi German concentration camps in occupied Poland led to a change in the style books of major media outlets and the subsequent massive decrease in abusive terminology, all thanks to the leadership of Alex Storozyński, who was also responsible for merging the National Polish Center in Washington, D.C. with the Kosciuszko Foundation, and making it possible for Poles in Poland to support us through our Office in Warsaw. On November 2, 2014, we will honor Dr. Julian Kulski of Washington D.C. for his achievements and his leadership at a Gala in the Cosmos Club. If you know Dr. Kulski and would like to participate, please contact the Washington Center or our headquarters in New York.

The Foundation is in the process of renovating both its landmark building, and its Gallery of Masters. Some before and after photos are included here to show at least part of the ongoing work that is taking place outside and inside the building. Please support this effort by donating to our Capital Campaign.

Finally, we hope to be able to increase our scholarship and grants program by approximately ten percent this year, with your help. In this newsletter, we publish the results of some of our efforts during 2013-2014. We do have a lot to be thankful for, and I trust you will find the Foundation worthy of your continued interest and financial support. ☺

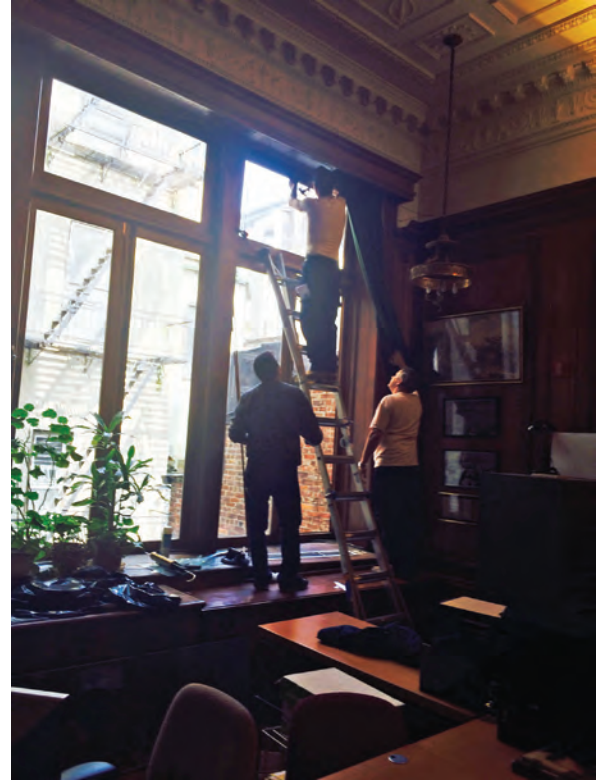


# RESTORATION



*First Lady of Poland Anna Komorowska and KF President John Micgiel observing art conservator Ivan Mitsyk restoring Wojciech Kossak's 1930 painting The Knight and the Maid*

Gift of Dr. and Mrs. John A. Cetner in memory of Edward & Jeanette Witkowski



## KF BUILDING AND ART RESTORATION FUND

We are now in the process of extensive renovations to the KF House in New York, as well as a general art restoration program.

Many of you are well aware of the Van Alen Mansion, the "KF House," home to Polonia over many generations. The building and street front are undergoing extensive renovation, and the KF is raising funds to help cover expenses.

The artwork of the Foundation includes the Gallery of Polish Masters, an awe-inspiring collection of premier significance – including pieces by Matejko, the Kossak family, the Styka family, and Malczewski. The pieces need to be maintained and restored, and it is high time to do so.

We are reaching out to all of our supporters: help to preserve the beauty of Polish-American culture.

The Kosciuszko Foundation depends upon public donations to continue its work. You can help!

To donate, visit [www.thekf.org/support/building\\_and\\_art\\_funds](http://www.thekf.org/support/building_and_art_funds) or call the Development Office at 212-734-2130.



*Restoration of the KF House*



THE  
**2014**  
 KOSCIUSZKO FOUNDATION  
 IN WASHINGTON D.C.

*Gala*

**A HISTORY MAKER  
 OF POLAND**

**A TRIBUTE TO  
 DR. JULIAN KULSKI**

The Kosciuszko Foundation in Washington D.C. will hold its annual Fundraising Reception on Sunday, November 2nd at 4:30 pm. The event will be held in the handsome and historic Cosmos Club located at 2121 Massachusetts Avenue on Embassy Row in the nation's capital. The Club was founded in 1878 and is one of the most prestigious private social clubs in the United States. Members have included three U.S. Presidents, two Vice-Presidents, a dozen Supreme Court Justices, 32 Nobel Prize winners, 56 Pulitzer Prize winners, and 45 recipients of the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

This year's reception honors the acclaimed writer and architect Julian Kulski, recipient of the 2014 Kosciuszko Foundation Pioneer Award and a trustee of The Kosciuszko Foundation.

Julian Kulski, whose father was mayor of Warsaw, was 10 years old when the Germans invaded Poland in 1939. He joined the Polish Underground Army when he was 12, where he learned military tactics and became a fighter for Poland's freedom. Though jailed twice by the Gestapo, he fought with the Polish Home Army during the Warsaw Uprising and escaped from a POW camp in Germany to freedom in England. After the war, military doctors worried about young Julian's mental

state "prescribed" that he write out his experiences in the form of a memoir. The newly edited and expanded version of this memoir, titled *The Color of*



*Courage: A Boy at War* will be released this October and will be available at our reception. Former Polish president and Nobel Prize laureate Lech Walesa wrote this

in the foreword: "This account, written from the heart and by the hand of an adolescent, gives us unique and moving insights into World War II."

After the war, Dr. Kulski studied architecture at Yale University and led architectural planning programs at Notre Dame, George Washington, and Howard Universities. He later worked for the World Bank, designing buildings for them worldwide. Dr. Kulski has received many notable awards from the Polish government for his service during World War II.

We hope that our Polish and American friends will join us on November 2nd for an afternoon honoring Dr. Kulski's achievements, which will also go toward supporting the activities of the Kosciuszko Foundation in Washington, D.C.


We will gather at 4.30 p.m. in the elegant Grand Ballroom of the Cosmos Club, where delicious hors d'oeuvres and drinks will be served throughout the evening. Entertainment will include a special performance by two Polish musicians, who perform under the name "Duo Klavitarre." Pianist Jolanta Ziemska and her husband, guitarist Maciej Ziemski, have been performing together for twelve years. Both artists



graduated with awards from the Music Academy in Łódź, where they found romance and discovered their love of playing music together. They are active

on the international music scene and currently reside in Germany.

And in fulfillment of the tradition of the Kosciuszko Foundation galas, we will, of course, lead you in a Polonaise.

Please come and support us through your participation in this wonderful evening! I look forward to seeing many of you there! 

Barbara Bernhardt  
 Director, *The Kosciuszko  
 Foundation in Washington D.C.*



## IN MEMORIAM

# JACK RADGOWSKI

September 25th, 1930 - August 22nd, 2014



We are saddened to share the news that Honorary Trustee, recipient of The Kosciuszko Foundation's Medal of Recognition, and longtime supporter, Jack Radgowski, of Long Island, NY, has recently passed away.

Mr. Radgowski, a native of the New York metropolitan area, was husband to late wife Dorothy, who passed away in 1996. Mr. and Mrs. Radgowski were parents of three children, Steve (Lisa), Tom (Melissa), and Susan (Neal); and grandparents of five, Justin, Dietrich, Alison, Daniel, and Violet.

A U.S. Army Korean War Veteran, Mr. Radgowski was a graduate of the New Jersey Institute of Technology with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Electrical Engineering. After several engineering management positions at various semiconductor companies including Litton Industries, Bendix Semiconductor, and General Instrument, he, together with his late wife, founded Central Semiconductor Corp. in 1974, where he served as CEO until his passing. For the majority of his professional life, Mr. Radgowski was driven to grow Central Semiconductor into a global brand with an outstanding reputation. Over the years under his leadership, Central grew from a three person start up forty years ago, to a company recognized around the world, not just for its innovative products, but also for its record on-time delivery and exemplary customer service. The entire Radgowski family has been active in the

business at one time or another, where Mr. Radgowski's daughter, Susan Ryan, and son, Tom Radgowski, currently serve as President and Executive Vice President, respectively.

In addition to being a successful entrepreneur, Mr. Radgowski was first and foremost a man of integrity. He was also an incredibly generous philanthropic leader who was a strong supporter of The Kosciuszko Foundation and several other Polish-American cultural organizations including The Polish Institute of Arts and Sciences, The Polish Gift of Life, and AMPOLA. He was a major supporter of countless other non-profit organizations that serve the homeless, the impoverished, and otherwise disadvantaged in the world, including Anbu illam, an orphanage and school in southern India; The Little Sisters of the Poor; The Madagascar Ankizy Fund; Americares; Make-A-Wish Foundation; Food for the Poor; and St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, to name just a few. For many years, Mr. Radgowski served as a lector in his parish church where he attended mass daily, and for almost nine years, he sponsored annual pilgrimages to Medjugorje, hoping to inspire priests and other young men and women contemplating a vocation to religious life.

Mr. Radgowski was a true gentleman, as well as a mentor and an inspiration to many. He certainly was one of the greats and he will be deeply missed.



TEIP Staff and students at Pińczów Camp

## THE TEACHING ENGLISH IN POLAND PROGRAM

# UNFORGETTABLE JOURNEY

by Teresa G. Wojcik, Ph.D

Making connections between the United States and Poland and fostering mutual understanding and appreciation is at the heart of the Kosciuszko Foundation's mission. The Teaching English in Poland (TEIP) program effectively fosters these types of meaningful ties through its educational and cultural camps. For twenty-four years, the TEIP program has brought together American volunteers and Polish young people for a truly unique intercultural experience. This year, 64 American teachers and teaching assistants from 25 states volunteered for the program, which served over 300 students from throughout Poland. The Teaching English in Poland program was supported by the NIDA Foundation (*Nidzicka Fundacja Rozwoju*) with the honorary patronage of UNESCO and the financial assistance of local governments in Poland. For example, the camp at Nadwarciański Gród in Załęcze Wielkie received direct support from the marshal of Łódź.

From its inception, the Teaching English in Poland program has been conceptualized as a mutually educative experience for participants from both the United States and Poland. The Polish students benefit greatly from the instruction in conversational English and interaction with American culture provided by their American teachers and assistants. Similarly, the American volunteers learn a great deal about Poland from the students at their camps and from field trips and tours while in Poland. New this year, the American volunteers visited the Museum of the History of Polish Jews in Warsaw and received educational materials from the Jan Karski Educational Foundation, which donated several copies of Karski's memoir, *Story of a Secret State*, to each camp. Both American and Polish participants learned about the history and work of the Kosciuszko Foundation through the traveling KF exhibit which was on display at the TEIP camps in Załęcze and Mińsk Mazowiecki.



Spreading the word about the Teaching English in Poland program is a key objective as the program prepares to celebrate its 25th anniversary in 2015. Program Director Mary Kay Pieski, Ph.D., and Assistant Director, Teresa G. Wojcik, Ph.D. presented a history and overview of the TEIP program at the World Congress of the Polish Institute of Arts and Sciences in America (PIASA) conference which took place in Warsaw on June 20-23, 2014. Ms. Antonina Geras, a former student participant at one of the TEIP camps, served as a guest speaker during the presentation. She shared how her interactions at the camp had strengthened her confidence in using the English language. Ms. Geras is currently a doctoral student in engineering in Warsaw.

This summer's program prospered with the assistance of numerous individuals who volunteered their time and talent. Five individuals with broad leadership experience and expertise in the field of education and teacher preparation led the camps as American Staff leaders:

- Dr. Anita Levine, Assistant Professor of Education at SUNY Oneonta (Otwock camp)
- Dr. Joseph Polizzi, Associate Professor and Chairperson of the Education Department at Marywood University (Mińsk Mazowiecki camp)
- Thomas Rusnak, retired drama teacher from Chicago, Illinois (Załęcze- Nadwarciański Gród)
- Dawn Woyak, veteran teacher in Albuquerque, New Mexico (Załęcze- Nadwarciański Gród)
- Teresa G. Wojcik, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Education at Villanova University (Pińczów camp)


This year, Marywood University provided extensive support for the Teaching English in Poland program through the efforts of Dr. Joe Polizzi, who recruited ten students to serve as teachers and teaching assistants. Dr. Polizzi's ten-year-old daughter, Lily, accompanied him to Poland and served as a peer tutor at the camp in Minsk Mazowiecki. Dr. Mary Kay Pieski, TEIP Program Director, traveled to each of the camps as a representative of the Kosciuszko Foundation to oversee implementation and support new participants. Mrs. Bonnie Snively of Homeworth, Ohio, and Mr. Kacper Madej of Warsaw, Poland accompanied Dr. Pieski, assisting her with administrative duties and camp photography as volunteers. Mr. Madej produced an informative and engaging 12-minute video on the 2014 TEIP program which will be available on the Kosciuszko Foundation website. During the staff recruitment and selection process, Amy Lennon, Betsy Pratt, and Monica Sincel from Ohio provided invaluable help with organizational tasks and paperwork. In Poland, Kosciuszko Foundation President Professor John Micgiel and Warsaw representative Dr. Piotr Wilczek extended warm Polish hospitality as they greeted the American volunteers at the airport and met with them in Otwock and Warsaw, respectively.

As planning begins for next year's program, its directors draw inspiration from the positive feedback shared by participants. One of the Polish student participants in the camp in Pińczów shared: "This camp is simply the best holiday activity ever. All the activities and classes were unforgettable. I will remember the whole camp for years." Mr. Tom Rusnak, who served as the American staff leader of the Arts Enriched English Language Camp in Załęcze Wielkie, shared the following reflection:

"The camp exceeded all expectations. We brought an American staff of 22 to a camp of almost 120 students for a three week foray into the use of the English language to describe and analyze work they produced artistically. The language was as much a tool as the pencil, musical instrument or paint brush. Students used both language and artistic skill in an enthusiastic and productive manner. We had a 20% increase in enrollment from 2013. In fact, there was a waiting list. We're doing something right. We had some very skilled teachers and motivated teaching assistants at the camp. Our staff included working professional musicians and Thespians who brought their life experience and training to the program. All were happy to share their talents to a group of students eager to learn new things. No success can be claimed without the inclusion of our devoted Polish host, Pani Krystyna Mikita and her dedicated Polish staff."



*Having fun cooking with Mrs. Melissa Harris Blaine in Zalecze.*

The Teaching English in Poland program is planning a celebration at the Kosciuszko Foundation headquarters in June to commemorate its quarter century of educational and cultural exchange and to honor Mrs. Christine Kuskowski, who passionately built and sustained the program for over a decade. Please contact Dr. Mary Kay Pieski if you would like to be a part of the celebration: [marykay@thekf.org](mailto:marykay@thekf.org). If interested in participating in the TEIP program as a teacher or teaching assistant next summer, please visit the program's website for information: [www.thekf.org/programs/teaching\\_english\\_in\\_poland/](http://www.thekf.org/programs/teaching_english_in_poland/). 

# SPECIAL MISSION: PIŃCZÓW CAMP

by Teresa G. Wojcik, Ph.D



*Closing Ceremony. (l-r) Sergeant Matthew Connelly, Ania Golik, Tomasz Dziurnak, and Teresa G. Wojcik*



*Sergeant Connelly running with the campers*

From July 7 through the 18th, ten American volunteers served as teachers and teaching assistants for the Teaching English in Poland English Language and American Culture camp in Pińczów, Poland. For the first time in the history of the TEIP program, a current member of the United States Armed Forces participated in the program - Staff Sergeant Matthew Connelly of the United States Air Force. Born in Camden, New Jersey and currently stationed in Germany, Sergeant Connelly contributed in unique ways to our camp. During afternoon sports activities, he led "PT" (physical training) with the students, guiding them in running laps around the field. In addition to bringing his good humor and American flags for all of the campers, Sergeant Connelly also brought with him his professional DJ equipment. He provided hours of enjoyment for the children as the DJ for several fun "discos" in the school gym. Campers danced to all their favorite American and Polish tunes. As part of the camp's celebration of American

Independence Day, Sergeant Connelly gave a presentation on American patriotic symbols and discussed daily life in the U.S. military. He also sponsored the tremendous display of fireworks one evening after students enjoyed S'mores at a campfire. Sergeant Connelly shared that his greatest joy at the camp was teaching three small children who formed their own class. Since he speaks Polish, Sergeant Connelly was able to provide bilingual instruction to the students, who also had lessons with another teaching assistant, Ms. Laura Mateusiak.

Support for the Kosciuszko Foundation is a tradition in Sergeant Connelly's family. His parents, Dr. Malgorzata Piszcz-Connelly and Mr. Daniel Connelly, are members and faithful supporters of

the Philadelphia Chapter. His brother, Ken, joined him as a teaching assistant at the Pińczów camp this past summer. In 2003, his sister, Elizabeth, was a debutante at the Kosciuszko Foundation Ball in New York City. Proud to be an American stationed abroad, Sergeant Connelly is likewise extremely proud of his Polish roots. The Teaching English in Poland program is pleased that he chose to spend two weeks of his summer enriching the camp experience for us all. 🇺🇸



*Matthew with Class in front of I Liceum Ogólnokształcące in Pińczów*



# THANK YOU TO ALL OUR SUMMER 2014 INTERNS AND VOLUNTEERS

## MAGGIE GORECZNY



Maggie Goreczny is currently an undergraduate student at Bryant University. She is double majoring in Accounting and Spanish and is an active member in the Bryant University community. She is a chairperson on the Student Programming Board, the treasurer of the Bryant University Spanish

Cultural Organization, a DJ at the WJMF Radio Station, and a member of the Student Alumni Association and Accounting Society. This summer, she interned at the Kosciuszko Foundation and studied Polish at Jagiellonian University. In the future, she hopes to become a CPA.

## GABRIELA KULPA



Gabriela Kulpa is in her junior year at Hunter College. She is pursuing a B.S. in Accounting. She said that interning at the Kosciuszko

Foundation helped broaden her perspective on the importance of financial stability. She believes that, thanks to the work put into the Kosciuszko Foundation's Scholarship Program, students are greatly assisted in pursuing their higher education. This is one of many ways she sees herself helping others through the KF, a cause which she is passionate about. Her future goal is to provide financial assistance to others as a CPA. Gabriela has been hired by the KF as a receptionist for the NY office.

## MARIKA A. SOLTYS



Marika Soltys is a recent graduate of Wesleyan University. She finished with a double major in Behavioral Neuroscience and East

European Studies. While in college, she was captain of the competitive Wesleyan Ski Team and a member of *Slavei*, the campus Georgian and Balkan singing group. She was awarded honors for her thesis "Dehumanization and Re-Humanization in Gustav Herling's *A World Apart*." In the future, she hopes to further her education in International Relations.

## KASIA WROBEL



Kasia Wrobel obtaining a BA in International Studies at the City College of New York. She is currently pursuing a Master's degree at the New School for Public Engagement's Milano School of International Affairs, Management, and Urban Policy. Her interests include

education policy and the role it plays in economic development. Kasia has been hired by the KF as a receptionist for the NY office.

## GABRIELA PROROK



Gabriela Prorok is 17 years old. She attends Bard High School Early College Queens and is in her senior year. In addition to her regular schooling, she has attended Polish school every Saturday since kindergarten. She loves to play sports – she has been on St. Sebastian's Swim Team for 7 years and is currently the team captain of her school's varsity volleyball team. She is also interested in science,

specifically biology and psychology. In college, she plans to major in biology and potentially minor in psychology.

## JULIA PROROK



Julia Prorok is 15 years old. She is currently in her sophomore year of high school at Bard High School Early College Queens. For the past 8 years, she has been on the St. Sebastian's swim team. She is also starting her second year on her school's volleyball team. Throughout her life, she has done cheerleading, acrobatics, ballroom dancing and contortion. She enjoys photography

and hair styling. She considers her volunteerism at the Kosciuszko Foundation as a great experience.

## VICKY LIN



Vicky Lin is 15 years old and is currently in her sophomore year of high school at Bard High School Early College Queens. She enjoys the piano and has been playing for almost 8 years. She has also done ballet for about 5 years. Additionally, she enjoys playing volleyball and is on the school team. In her free time, she likes to bike and take pictures. She said that volunteering at the Kosciuszko

Foundation gave her the opportunity to learn more about Polish culture and history.

# ALL ABOUT THE CULTURE

A large part of the Kosciuszko Foundation's mission involves the active promotion of Polish culture in the United States. In line with these goals, the KF often hosts artists, scholars, and trailblazers in different fields with one goal in mind: sharing Polish cultural heritage.

**The 2013-14 cultural calendar saw some exciting events at the KF!** Here are just a few highlights:



♥ The kids were excited to meet Mikolaj/Santa Claus in December! A big thank you to the Polish American Teachers Association for annually leading the charge in organizing a wonderful get-together for the whole family.



♥ On Columbus Day 2013, Manuel Rosa presented his theory on Christopher Columbus' potential Polish/Lithuanian origins.



♥ Later, in December, the KF honored two Polish masters: Maestro Krzysztof Penderecki, and artist Rafal Olbinski.



♥ In November 2013, past KF grantee Bozena Garus Hockuba presented her documentary on famed Polish orchestra conductor Artur Rodzinski, aptly titled *Maestro Rodzinski*.



♥ In March, the KF featured both the Slavic Arts Ensemble and Magdalena Baczewska in a two-day celebration titled *Chopin Birthday Bash*.





♥ The 2014 Marcela Sembrich Voice Competition was won by Polish baritone Szymon Komasa and featured special Metropolitan Opera guests Edyta Kulczak and Mariusz Kwiecien. (Pictured l. to r. third prize winner Tatiana Poletskaya, second prize winner Julia Lima, Met Opera baritone Mariusz Kwiecien, first prize winner Szymon Komasa, and Met Opera mezzo-soprano Edyta Kulczak).



♥ In July, the KF, together with Polish Filmmakers NYC, presented a special screening of Polish spy thriller *Jack Strong* at Tribeca Film Center. Pictured are special guests Patrick Wilson and Dagmara Dominczyk with an attendee. Photo credit: Kamila Slawinska



♥ The 1st of August, 2014. The KF and the Consulate of the Republic of Poland in NYC co-presented an exhibit featuring the film short *City of Ruins* and an English language exhibition prepared by the Warsaw Uprising Museum – both in commemoration of the 70th anniversary of the Warsaw Uprising.



♥ August 2014 also saw a KF and Polish Filmmakers NYC screening of Andrzej Wajda's *Kanal* at Tribeca Film Center, in honor of the Warsaw Uprising. Professor Don Fredericksen, a Polish film scholar from Cornell University, and Sheila Skaff of Columbia University were present for a post-screening Q&A.

## THE 2014/15 SEASON

Those are just a few highlights of the 2013/14 cultural season at the KF. There were many more events that were just as deserving of mention, which simply highlights the richness of the Polish culture.

2014/15 looks just as promising. Those of Polish origin understand the importance and gifts of Polish culture. The KF also strives to provide a forum for others to learn about Polish culture.

We encourage you to attend as many events as possible:

The KF will be presenting Day 1 (10/10/14) and Day 4 (10/14/14) of the screenings. Days 2 and 3 will be held at Videology (308 Bedford Ave #1, New York, NY 11211).

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2014 - 7:00 PM

***The Polish School of Animation at the KF, Day 1***

Day 1 features Polish animation from 1958 to 1981

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2014 - 7:00 PM

***The Polish School of Animation at the KF, Day 4***

Day 4 features Polish animation from 2008 to 2013

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2014 - 12:00 PM

***Pro Arte League Annual Fundraising Luncheon***

Annual Fundraiser Luncheon at the Liberty House

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2014 - 10:00 AM

***Chopin Piano Competition 2014***

The 65th Annual Chopin Piano Competition

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2014 - 4:30 PM (see page 4 for details)

***KF Washington D.C. 2014 Annual Fundraising Reception***

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2014 - 7:00 AM

***NYC Marathon Fluid Station.*** The KF is recruiting volunteers for a Polish-American fluid station at the 2014 NYC Marathon!

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2014 - 7:00 PM

***Pianist Carolyn Enger.*** Piano pieces ranging from Karol Szymanowski to contemporary American composer Ned Rorem performed by New York Times acclaimed pianist Carolyn Enger

For more event information, check our website [www.thekf.org](http://www.thekf.org), email [info@thekf.org](mailto:info@thekf.org) or call (212) 734-2130.

# 2014/15 EXCHANGE FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS: POLISH CITIZENS CONDUCTING ADVANCED STUDY, RESEARCH, AND/OR TEACHING IN THE U.S.

During its Semi-Annual Meeting, the Board of Trustees of the Kosciuszko Foundation approves funding for the Foundation's Exchange Program to the U.S. In April 2014, the Board allocated \$605,602 to 49 talented individuals from Poland as recipients of the Foundation's Fellowships and Grants for the 2014/15 academic year. The decision of the Board was based on the results of a thorough selection process that included personal interviews presided over by members of the Foundation's U.S. Academic Advisory Committee and a Polish Academic Commission in March 2014 at the University of Warsaw's *Kollegium Artes Liberales* in Warsaw, Poland.

The 2014 U.S. Academic Advisory Committee consisted of the following members:

1. Prof. M.B. Biskupski, Ph.D., Department of History, Central Connecticut University, New Britain, CT.
2. Ronald J. Hagadus, M.D., Associate Professor of Clinical Ophthalmology, New York Medical College; Honorary Senior Attending Surgeon, New York Eye & Ear Infirmary, Glaucoma Service, New York, NY.
3. Marian A. Kornilowicz, Esq., Partner at Cohen, Seglias, Pallas, Greenhall & Furman, P.C. – Philadelphia, PA.
4. Prof. John S. Micgiel, Ph.D., Department of International and Public Affairs, Columbia University – New York, NY.
5. Ewa Radwanska, M.D. Ph.D., Professor, Rush University Medical Center, Chicago, IL.
3. Ellina Lunarska, Professor, Institute of Physical Chemistry, Polish Academy of Sciences. Past Fellow of the Kosciuszko Foundation.
4. Elżbieta Mikos-Skuza, Ph.D., Professor of International Law, Former Vice-Dean of Law at the University of Warsaw, Past Vice-President of the International Humanitarian Fact-Finding Mission.
5. Bogna Patelska-Wytyk, MD, Ph.D., Ophthalmologist – Poznan Medical University. Past Fellow of the Kosciuszko Foundation.
6. Izabela Wagner, Professor of Sociology, University of Warsaw. Past Fellow of the Kosciuszko Foundation.
7. Piotr Wilczek, Ph.D., Professor of the History of Literature and Culture, Head, *Kollegium Artes Liberales*, University of Warsaw. Past Fellow of the Kosciuszko Foundation.

The members of the 2014 Polish Academic Commission (including a number of past Kosciuszko Foundation Fellows):

1. Robert Cieśla, Ph.D., Professor of Musical Art, Chopin University of Music, Warsaw.
2. Bożena Garus-Hockuba, Polish film director, London. Past Fellow of the Kosciuszko Foundation.

Dr. Ronald Hagadus, this year's Committee Chair and Mr. Krzysztof Haranczyk, Program Officer, Exchange Program to the U.S., supervised the personal interviews, which were conducted in the English language in order to evaluate the English proficiency of the candidates. Careful consideration was also given to the candidates' choice of U.S. educational institution for conducting their research projects. The Committee had an opportunity to review the files of all candidates beforehand in order to evaluate the merit of the candidates' research proposals, their clarity and seriousness of purpose, and the persuasiveness of their arguments for conducting research in the United States. Out of 61 applicants interviewed, 49 were matched with funds and recommended for consideration.

Krzysztof Haranczyk  
*Program Officer*  
*Exchange Program to the U.S.*



## HUMANITIES



**ANDRZEJEWSKI, LUKASZ TOMASZ**  
Ph.D. Candidate, Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Wrocław:

Five month grant to research the social context of medicine's discontents commenced in initial book: "Polityka Nowotworowa" (The Politics of Cancer) and an investigation of Polish psychiatric discourse informed by theoretical concepts of narrative medicine and clinical pragmatism at the New School for Social Research with Professor Elzbieta Matyenia.



**BIERSKA (KUTA), BARBARA** Director, The State Archive in Krakow: One month grant to conduct research in

connection with the 100th anniversary of the outbreak of the First World War; a study on the contribution of Polish émigrés in America to the process of Poland's regaining its independence in 1918 at The Polish Museum in Chicago and the Pilsudski Institute in New York.



**BIERNAT, AGATA**  
Ph.D. Candidate, Faculty of Political Science and International Affairs, Nicolaus Copernicus

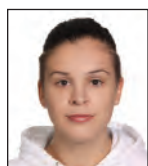
University: Three month grant to conduct research examining Albanian political activities in the Balkans at the turn of 20th and 21st centuries and the influences on their method of political participation at the University of Pittsburgh with Professor Robert M. Hayden.



**BOGDANOWSKA-JAKUBOWSKA, EWA**  
Assistant Professor, University of Silesia: Three month fellowship

to conduct research on a cross-cultural analysis of linguistic rituals of ratification (a type of interaction ritual) in Polish and American cultures at the Department of Educational Theory and Practice at the School of Education, University at Albany,

State University of New York with Prof. Istvan Kecskes.



**BOGDANSKA, OLGA**  
Ph.D. Candidate, Faculty of History and Philosophy, University of Lodz: Five month grant to conduct

research on literary reportage in the 21st century through an investigation of how war is portrayed in the hybrid genre situated between journalism and literature at the University of South Carolina with Professor Carol J. Pardun.



**DRAG, PIOTR** Assistant Professor of History, Jagiellonian University: Three month fellowship to conduct research on

the issue of the migration of Polish intellectuals, especially sociologists and cultural anthropologists, to universities in the United States at Columbia University with Professor Alan H. Timberlake.



**FIJALKOWSKA, ALICJA**  
Assistant Professor, Faculty of Social Sciences, Institute of Philosophy, Sociology and Journalism, University

of Gdansk: Three month fellowship to conduct research on "The Social Media Are American. Social networks in American political communication - a lesson for Poland and Latin America" at the University of California, Los Angeles with Professor Tim Groeling.



**GADOWSKI, ROBERT**  
Ph.D. Candidate, Philological School of Higher Education, Wrocław: Three month

grant to conduct research on cultural cogency of the freedom meme prevalent in the selected dystopian novels at the University of Florida with Professor Kenneth B. Kidd.



**HALAMBIEC, KAMIL**  
Ph.D. Candidate in Theology, Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University, Warsaw: Five month grant

to conduct research on a body of literature toward answering a research question regarding Jonathan Edwards' writing on Religious experience and the Fundamentalist-Modernist controversy in the USA at Yale Divinity School with Kenneth P. Minkema.



**KALAN, DARIUSZ**  
Specialist-Analyst, Polish Institute of International Affairs: Three month grant to conduct research on the

problem of the decreasing role of Central Europe in U.S. foreign policy under Barack Obama at Georgetown University with Benjamin H. Loring.



**KAROLEWSKI, IRENEUSZ** Associate Professor, Department of German and European Studies, University of

Wrocław: Three month fellowship to conduct research on the contrast of the politics of nationalism in the EU and in the U.S. Against the backdrop of the economic crisis, the project will explore nationalist reactions in the EU and in the U.S. at Harvard University with Professor Grzegorz Ekiert.



**KASIA, KATARZYNA**  
Adjunct Professor, Academy of Fine Arts in Warsaw: Five month fellowship to conduct research on the

connection between the development of new media and the boredom phenomenon at Princeton University with Professor Jeff Dolven.



**KUBICA-HELLER, GRAZYNA** Adjunct Professor, Jagiellonian University: Three month fellowship to conduct

research on the literary works of anthropologists (travel books, novels, memoirs, autobiographies, diaries and letters) with a special focus on Polish authors (Bronislaw Malinowski, Maria Czaplicka, Alicja Iwanska, Feliks Gross, Jan Czekanowski) at Columbia University with Professor Alan H. Timberlake.



**KULSKA, JOANNA**  
Adjunct Professor,  
University of Opole:  
Three month fellowship  
to conduct research on  
the phenomenon of faith-based  
diplomacy in the wider context of the  
role of religion in international  
peacemaking and conflict resolution at  
the University of Chicago with Professor  
William Schweiker.



**LAPINSKI,  
KRZYSZTOF** Adjunct  
Professor, University of  
Warsaw: Five month  
fellowship to conduct  
research on the development of Ancient  
Greek philosophy in relation to Greek  
rational medicine at Creighton  
University with Professor William O.  
Stephens.



**MATLOKA,  
MAGDALENA**  
Ph.D. Candidate,  
Institute of American  
Studies and Polish  
Diaspora, University of Warsaw: Five  
month grant to conduct research on the  
microhistorical perspective research on  
landsmanshaftn of Jews from Polish  
lands in New York between the 1880s  
and 1939 at New York University with  
Professor Hasia R. Diner.



**MROZ, TOMASZ**  
Adjunct Professor,  
University of Zielona  
Gora: Five month  
fellowship to conduct  
research on reconstructing the first  
Polish-American direct philosophical  
polemic (between Paul Shorey and  
Wincenty Lutoslawski), and to examine  
its background and the reasons for the  
rejection of both scholars by German  
academics at the University of Iowa with  
Professor John Finamore.



**NAPIERALA,  
PAULINA** Assistant in  
the Faculty of Sociology  
and Ethnic Relations,  
Jagiellonian University:  
Five month fellowship to conduct

research on the topic of the relationship  
between religion and politics in the US  
and in Poland, and to publish a book  
which would include such a comparative  
perspective at Boston College with  
Professor Alan Wolfe.



**PRZEGALINSKA-  
SKIERKOWSKA,  
ALEKSANDRA**  
Assistant Teacher,  
Kozminski University,  
Warsaw: Four month fellowship to  
conduct research on the question of  
whether the delegation of various social  
functions leads to enhancement or loss  
in terms of people's skills and abilities  
that contribute to building work  
environment at Brown University with  
Professor Elzbieta Matynia.



**RUDA, MARTA**  
Ph.D. Candidate in  
Linguistics, Jagiellonian  
University: Five month  
grant to conduct research  
on developing the understanding of the  
implications of current investigations of  
the syntax of missing/null objects of  
transitive verbs for the theory of the  
natural language and the human  
cognitive capacities at the University of  
Maryland with Professor Howard  
Lasnik.



**SIEKIERSKI,  
KONRAD**  
Ph.D. Candidate in  
International Relations,  
Adam Mickiewicz  
University, Poznan: Three month grant  
to conduct research on the transmission  
of cultural memory and the processes of  
identity construction and negotiation  
among Armenia Catholics living in  
post-Soviet Armenia and Georgia at the  
University of Texas with Professor Mary  
Neuberger.



**STELOWSKA, DIANA**  
Ph. D. Candidate in  
Journalism and Political  
Science, University of  
Warsaw: Five month  
grant to conduct research on "American  
cultural soft power efficiency in the

world and in Poland; Does it still have  
impact on America's image worldwide?"  
at the University of Southern California  
with Professor Nicholas J. Cull.



**SZAROTA,  
MAGDALENA**  
Ph.D. Candidate in the  
Graduate School for  
Social Research, at the  
Institute of Philosophy and Sociology,  
Polish Academy of Sciences: Four month  
grant to conduct research on the  
processes of identity politics vs.  
leadership/activist strategies of American  
women with disabilities, and their  
attempts at coalition building with the  
feminist movement and larger disability  
movement while addressing problems  
stemming from double discrimination  
(intersection of gender and disability) at  
Yale University with Professor Karen  
Nakamura.



**WISNIEWSKI,  
ROBERT** Associate  
Professor, Institute of  
History, University of  
Warsaw: Two month  
fellowship to conduct research on the  
shift in the attitude of late antique  
Christians toward dead saints' bodies,  
particularly the rise of the habit of  
touching relics at Princeton University  
with Professor Anne Marie Luijendijk.



**WOLACEWICZ,  
DOMINIK** Archivist,  
The State Archive in  
Krakow: Three month  
grant to continue work  
on the archive collection and conduct  
research on comparative cartographic  
materials at the Polish Institute of Arts  
and Sciences in America with Prof. M.B.  
Biskupski.



**ZAJAC, JUSTYNA**  
Adjunct Professor  
(Habilitation), University  
of Warsaw: Five month  
fellowship to conduct  
research on redefining the formula of  
cooperation between NATO and the  
European Union in the field of security  
and defense in the context of dynamic



changes in the global order, also taking into account Russia's role in the Euro-Atlantic security system at Indiana University with Professor Padraic Kenney.



**ZYSIAK, AGATA**

Ph.D. Candidate in Sociology of Culture, University of Lodz: Five month grant to conduct

research on the trajectories of the rise and fall of two important industrial centers (Lodz and Detroit) in different political and economical contexts – not on the level of “objective” data, but by considering the subjective perception of change, self-identity building strategies, and language describing the trajectories of the two cities in biographical narrations at Wayne State University with Mike Smith.

## SCIENCES



**BARTKOWIAK, TOMASZ**

Assistant Teacher at the Poznan University of Technology: Five month grant to conduct research

on functional correlations between surface textures and behavior, and between processing and surface texture at the Worcester Polytechnic Institute with Professor Christopher A. Brown.



**CZYZ, MARCIN**

Research Associate, Department of Neurosurgery, Wrocław Medical University: Three month fellowship to

conduct research on the usefulness of fractal analysis in determining the level of malignancy and the level of the response to therapy in patients suffering from a brain tumor of this type at North Shore-LIJ School of Medicine with Dr. Michael Schulder.



**JAESCHKE, ALEKSANDRA**

Ph.D. Candidate in Design, Harvard University Graduate School of Design:

Supplementary grant toward Ph.D. to develop strategies which can help to integrate social, economic and

environmental requirements leading to new forms of all-inclusive sustainability and triggering novel spatial conditions at Harvard University.



**KRAJEWSKA, KATARZYNA**

Assistant Professor, Institute of Theoretical Physics,

University of Warsaw: Five month fellowship to conduct research on theoretical investigations in the area of relativistic quantum electrodynamics to be compared with experimental results from the Diocles Extreme Light Laboratory at UNL. Concurrently, investigations of bremsstrahlung process foreseeing a new generation of compact gamma-ray sources at the University of Nebraska, Lincoln with Professor Daniel R. Claes.



**MAJKA, MARCIN**

Associate Professor in Medicine, Jagiellonian University: Five month fellowship to conduct

research regarding new details about the involvement of adhesion molecules like CEACAM1 as potential regulators of tumor and microenvironment interactions and therapeutic targets in breast carcinoma metastases at the Beckman Research Institute at City of Hope with Professor John E. Shively.



**MALICKI, MACIEJ**

Adjunct Professor, Warsaw School of Economics: Five month fellowship to conduct research on the

Borel reducibility theory and dynamics of nonlocally compact groups at the California Institute of Technology with Professor Alexander Kechris.



**MATEUSZUK, LUKASZ**

Research Assistant, Jagiellonian University: Three month fellowship to conduct research to

investigate the role of thrombospondin 1 (TSP1) in vascular inflammation, endothelial dysfunction and thrombosis, using new mouse model of atherosclerosis (ApoE/CD47<sup>-/-</sup>) at the Vascular Medicine

Institute, University of Pittsburgh with Professor Patrick Pagano.



**PODBIELSKA, MARIA**

Adjunct Professor in Microbiology, Hirsfeld Institute of Immunology and Experimental Therapy,

Polish Academy of Sciences: Ten month fellowship to conduct research on whether alterations in calpain (intracellular neutral protease) activity during relapse and remission in multiple sclerosis (MS) patients are involved in T helper (Th1/Th2) cells dysregulation at the Medical University of South Carolina with Professor Naren L. Banik.



**REMBEZA, MAGDALENA**

Assistant Lecturer, Gdansk University of Technology: Three month fellowship to

conduct research and participate in the Special Program for Urban and Regional Studies (SPURS), strictly connected with future scientific development and collecting material for a professor's book about re-directing the city landscape at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology with Professor Bish Sanyal.



**SKALSKA, KINGA**

Assistant Professor of Environmental Systems Engineering, Lodz University of Technology:

Ten month fellowship to conduct research on the purification of drinking water from private wells by means of photocatalytic oxidation on immobilized titanium dioxide at the University of California, Berkeley with Professor Slawomir W. Hermanowicz.



**WEGNER, MALGORZATA**

Adjunct Professor in the Department of General Chemistry, Poznan

University of Medical Sciences: Five month fellowship to conduct research to identify significant epigenetic and miRNA changes in blood samples from type 1 and type 2 diabetic patients in comparison to healthy subjects at Texas A&M University with Professor Indra K. Reddy.



**WIERZCHOWSKA, AGATA** Ph.D. Candidate in Biotechnology, Poznan University of Life Sciences: Four month grant to conduct research to elucidate the in situ diet-microbe interactions in the digestive tract of the bovine in response to dietary modifications; to identify alterations in muscle protein and lipid metabolism in cancer and sepsis in humans and pigs that lead to poor disease prognosis at Texas A&M University with Professor Nicolas Deutz.



**WITKOWSKI, BARTŁOMIEJ** Ph.D. Candidate in Chemistry, University of Warsaw: Five month fellowship to conduct research on the glyoxal and methylglyoxal liquid-phase processing in the atmosphere at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration with Professor A.R. Ravishanka.



**WLOCH-SALAMON, DOMINIKA** Assistant Professor at the Institute of Environmental Sciences, Jagiellonian University: Five month fellowship to conduct research on the complete transcriptome of yeast quiescent cells, which serve as a model for human quiescent cells, thus allowing researchers to identify genes that may be influencing the stress survival not only of yeast but possibly also human quiescent cells at Stanford University with Professor Gavin Sherlock.

## ARTS



**BOROWSKI, DANIEL** Artist Diploma candidate in Opera Studies, Juilliard: supplementary grant toward cost-of-living expenses during candidacy for an Artist Diploma at Juilliard with Ms. Edith Wiens.

## LAW & ECONOMICS



**SOBACZEWSKA, ANNA MARIA** Associate Professor of Law, Institute of Law Studies of the Polish Academy of Sciences: Five month fellowship to conduct research on the category of constitutional rights operating in social practice and in individual apprehension in different social and cultural circumstances in (post) authoritarian and democratic states at the Chicago-Kent College of Law with Professor Bartram Brown.



**SWIERCZEK, ARTUR KRZYSZTOF** Associate Professor, University of Economic in Katowice: Five month fellowship to conduct research on the distinctive properties of resilient supply chains coupled with the factors of their relational (inter-organizational) competitive advantage at Arizona State University with Professor Thomas Choi.



**ZAROWNA, AGNIESZKA ANNA** Doctoral Candidate of Laws, University of Warsaw: Supplementary grant towards an LL.M. program on the scope of the protection afforded to foreign investors in host states as an evolving concept – the application of the Most Favoured Nation clause to the

procedural standards of protection as decisive for the future development or decrease of the law of international investment at Harvard Law School.

## POLISH STUDIES/ TEACHING FELLOWSHIP



**DERENGOWSKI, PIOTR** Adjunct Professor in American Studies, University of Gdansk: Teaching fellowship to conduct ten-month program teaching Polish Language and Literature in the Polish Studies Program at SUNY Buffalo with Prof. Janina Brutt-Griffler.



**HARRISON, MAGDALENA** Teaching fellowship extension to conduct ten-month program teaching Polish Language and Literature in the Polish Studies Program at Brown University.



**MARKIEWKA, TOMASZ** Adjunct Professor, Department of Literature and Polish Culture, University of Bielsko Biala: Five month teaching fellowship to conduct a program with a series of lectures and classes on Polish culture, history, literature, and art as a part of the Polish Studies Initiative at Cleveland State University.



**SZAFRANEC, KAMIL** Ph.D. Candidate in Linguistics, University of Lodz: Teaching fellowship to conduct ten-month program teaching Polish Language and Literature in the Polish Studies Program at Indiana University, Bloomington with Prof. Justyna Beinek.



## 2014 PROFESSOR MICHAL SMIALOWSKI AWARD

The Kosciuszko Foundation selected Aleksander Ciski of the *Instytut Mechaniki Precyzyjnej*, for his doctoral dissertation in the field of Material Science. Mr. Ciski received the \$1,000 award for his dissertation titled: "Structure of cryogenically frozen steel X153CrMoV12 and HS6-5-2 and its influence select mechanical processes."

The Foundation bestows the Smialowski award annually

to a Polish citizen for a distinguished publication in the field of Materials Science. Professor Susan Smialowska established the award 18 years ago, in memory of her late husband, a highly recognized authority in the field of Materials Science. Professor Michal Smialowski founded the Institute of Physical Chemistry



*Dr. Ronald Hagadus, Chair of the KF's Scholarship Committee presented Mr. Ciski with 2014 Michal Smialowski Award.*

of the Polish Academy of Sciences in Warsaw, serving as its Director from 1960 to 1973. The Foundation selects the award recipient based on the recommendations of the award's Academic Advisory Committee, composed of several Polish academics, all experts in the field of Materials Science.

The Kosciuszko Foundation Scholarship Committee presented the award to Mr. Aleksander Ciski at a

ceremony held in the University of Warsaw's Collegium Artes Liberales, during the annual Exchange Program interview sessions. Representatives of the Polish Academy of Sciences also attended the ceremony. 🌸

### THE KOSCIUSZKO FOUNDATION WELCOMES

## TWO SOPHIE WOJCIECHOWSKI AWARD WINNERS

This summer, The Kosciuszko Foundation invited two promising Polish students to New York, both of whom hail from our founder's hometown of Rakszawa!

Thanks to the Sophie Wojciechowski Endowment Fund for Gifted Polish Youth, Karolina Kochman and Magdalena Sroczyk attended a six-week summer program at Pace University's English Language Institute.

The two budding scholars had an opportunity to do some sightseeing, including that of Dr. Mizwa's adopted hometown – New York City – and returned to Poland after the six-week program with an experience of expanded horizons that will hopefully shape and influence them for the rest of their lives.

The Foundation began awarding gifted students from Rakszawa as part of the Sophie Wojciechowski Endowment Fund. The town is the birthplace of Kosciuszko Foundation founder Stefan Mizwa and features a high school named in his honor.

Sophie Wojciechowski worked tirelessly during her life for the causes of immigrants and refugees. She held an undergraduate degree in Economics and a graduate degree in Social Work. In addition to her work with the Polish government in exile during World War II, she was involved with numerous programs to assist émigrés and their families after the war. Her years of dedication



*Squeezing in some time for fun – the two young scholars pose with some familiar faces at Times Square*

resulted in her receiving the Émigré Award for Distinguished Leadership from the Institute for Families and Children at Adelphi University in 1992. It was at this time that the Foundation announced the creation of the Sophie Wojciechowski Scholarship program. 🌸

# SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS FOR AMERICANS 2014-2015

The Kosciuszko Foundation Board of Trustees has allocated **\$324,600** in scholarships to Americans of Polish descent for fiscal year July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015. Of this amount \$294,000 was awarded as Tuition Scholarships to 81 Americans of Polish descent towards their graduate studies in the United States. In addition, \$11,100 was awarded for undergraduate studies such as the Massachusetts Federation of Polish Women's Clubs Scholarships and via scholarships which are awards on behalf of the Polish American Club of North Jersey and the Polish National Alliance of Brooklyn, USA Inc.

This year, 11 students will be attending programs in Poland through the Kosciuszko Foundation's Exchange Program with the Polish Ministry of National Education. Five students will

receive funding to study Polish language and culture as part of the Foundation's Year Abroad program at the Jagiellonian University's Center of Polish Language and Culture in the World. Students receive a tuition waiver, dormitory housing and funding for living expenses from the Polish Ministry. In addition, each student receives \$900 per approved semester of additional funding from the Kosciuszko Foundation for living expenses. Funding allocated for the Year Abroad program amounts to \$6,300.

The Foundation's Exchange program to Poland is supporting 6 candidates for research in Poland. Funding is provided through the Foundation's Graduate Studies and Research in Poland program in cooperation with the Polish Ministry of National Education. The Polish Ministry provides dormitory housing,

funding for living expenses, use of academic facilities and access to archives. In addition to the funding provided by the Ministry, the Kosciuszko Foundation allocated \$13,200 in additional support for living expenses during the approved research period.

The grants and scholarships for Americans were made possible through the generosity of donors who have bequeathed funds towards the Foundation's endowment. We are pleased to introduce the winners of Kosciuszko Foundation's Domestic Scholarship program for academic year September 2014 – June 2015.

Addy Tymczyszyn  
*Scholarship and Grant Officer  
for Americans*

## DOMESTIC TUITION SCHOLARSHIPS 2014-2015

### **KAZIMIERA ADRIAN ADRIANOWSKA SCHOLARSHIP**



**MIHALYFY, DAVID** of Chicago, IL – for ninth year of doctoral studies in the History of Christianity, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL. Scholarship: \$1,000.

### **THE LEON A. AND PAT BABULA SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

**BRYSCH, EMILY** of Hobson, TX – for fourth year of graduate studies in Pharmacy, University of the Incarnate Word, San Antonio, TX. Scholarship: \$3,500



**DANILISZYN  
KATARZYNA** of McHenry IL for first year of studies in Pre-Health, Loyola University, Chicago, IL. Scholarship: \$5,500.



**HEYMAN, HELEN** of San Antonio, TX – for second year of studies in Medicine, University of Texas, San Antonio, TX. Scholarship: \$2,500.



**KOCZWARA,  
KONRAD** of Chicago, IL – second year of doctoral studies in Physical Therapy, Northwestern University, Chicago, IL. Scholarship: \$3,500.

**KOZANKO, ANDREW** of Fall River, MA for first year of doctoral studies towards a Physician Assistant degree, Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, Worcester, MA. Scholarship: \$4,000.



**KUFTA, SAMANTHA** of West Chicago, IL – for fourth year of studies in Dentistry, Midwestern University, Downers Grove, IL. Scholarship: \$6,000.



**LEM, POLA** of Bayville, NY – for first year of graduate studies in Journalism, Columbia University, New York, NY. Scholarship: \$6,000.

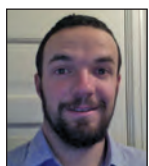


**MIKULSKI, LAURA** of Chicago, IL – for second year of graduate studies in Arts, Entertainment and Media Management, Columbia College, Chicago, IL. Scholarship: \$2,500.





**SZYMASZEK, JENNIFER** of New York, NY – for second year of graduate studies in Social Work, New York University, New York, NY. Scholarship: \$4,000.



**VICKOWSKI, GRAHAM** of Flagstaff, AZ – for first year of graduate studies in Political Psychology, The George Washington University, Washington, DC. Scholarship: \$4,000.



**WALLIN, NATALYA** of Hyde Park, IL – for second year of graduate studies in Public Policy, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL. Scholarship: \$4,000.



**WANDREI, KEVIN** of Adams, MA – for second year of graduate studies in Public Administration, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY. Scholarship: \$6,000.



**WENDERSKI, ROBERT** of Livonia, MI – for first year of doctoral studies in Systematic Theology, The Catholic University of America, Washington, DC. Scholarship: \$4,000.



**WILCZEK, MARGARET** of Elmwood Park, IL – for third year of studies in Optometry, Illinois College of Optometry, Chicago, IL. Scholarship: \$4,500.



**ZABLOCKI, TIMOTHY** of Buffalo, NY – for fourth year of doctoral studies in Pharmacy, University at Buffalo, Buffalo, NY. Scholarship: \$2,500.

### **DR. RAYMOND DZIEJMA SCHOLARSHIP FUND**



**MASKA, BARTOSZ** of Almont, MI – for third year of graduate studies in Dentistry, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI. Scholarship: \$3,000.

### **SOPHIA GRODZICKA SCHOLARSHIP FUND**



**JANCZURA, KATARZYNA** of Monroe, NY – for first year of studies in Finance and Management, The Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA. Scholarship: \$7,000.



**KOMAR, JOANNA** of Rockledge, FL – for fourth year of graduate studies in Optometry, Nova Southeastern University, Davie, FL. Scholarship: \$3,000.



**KANTOROWSKA, AGATA** of Glendale, NY – for second year of studies in Medicine, University of Rochester, Rochester, NY. Scholarship: \$4,500.



**WROBEL, KATARZYNA** of Ridgewood, NY – for first year of graduate studies in International Affairs, The New School, New York, NY. Scholarship: \$2,500.

### **EDWIN L. HARASIMOWICZ SCHOLARSHIP TRUST FUND**



**KWOKA, PHILIP** of West Palm Beach, FL – for second year of graduate studies in Piano Performance, Mannes College The New School for Music, New York, NY. Scholarship: \$5,000.

### **DR. CASIMIR V. KIERZKOWSKI MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

**ANTONIAK-KIJ, ELIZABETH** of Cherry Hill, NJ – for second year of graduate studies in Central Eastern European Studies, LaSalle University, Philadelphia, PA. Scholarship: \$1,000.

### **JOHN C. KIERZKOWSKI SCHOLARSHIP FUND**



**KOZIK, BRYAN** of Maynard, MA – third year of graduate studies in Medieval/Early Modern European History,

University of Florida, Gainesville, FL. Scholarship: \$3,000.

### **VICTORIA KOKERNAK SCHOLARSHIP**



**KAPALCZYNSKI, ANNA** of San Antonio, TX – for second year of graduate studies in Finance, University of Texas, San Antonio, TX. Scholarship: \$1,000.



**MARSZALEK, MARCIN** of Chicopee, MA – for second year of graduate studies in Archives Management/History, Simmons College, Boston, MA. Scholarship: \$2,000.



**MICHALIK, DANIEL** of Orland Park, IL – for first year of studies in Medicine, Medical College of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, WI. Scholarship: \$5,000.



**PAWELEK, KONRAD** of Chicago, IL – for first year of graduate studies in Music Pedagogy, Northeastern Illinois University, Chicago, IL. Scholarship: \$2,000.

### **STAN LESNY SCHOLARSHIP FUND**



**BADON, SYLVIA** of Seattle, WA – for second year of graduate studies in Epidemiology, University of Washington, Seattle, WA. Scholarship: \$3,000.



**BOCHENEK, MATTHEW** of Chicago, IL – for fifth year of doctoral studies in Bio-engineering, University of Illinois, Chicago, IL. Scholarship: \$1,500.



**IWANICKI, MARTIN** of Phoenixville, PA – for first year of studies in Biochemistry and Molecular Biophysics, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA. \$4,000.



**OKTAWIEC, JULIA**  
of Berkeley, CA – for  
second year of graduate  
studies in Chemistry,  
University of California,  
Berkeley, CA. Scholarship: \$5,000.

### FLOYD AND IRENE MCKAIN/ JOHN AND HELEN GENZA SCHOLARSHIP FUND



**ALICKA, RIMA**  
of Melbourne, FL – for  
first year of graduate  
studies Law, Florida  
A&M University,  
Orlando, FL. Scholarship: \$2,000.



**GRAZI, REBECCA**  
of Brooklyn, NY – for  
third year of graduate  
studies in Theater Design  
and Technical  
Production, Brooklyn College,  
Brooklyn, NY. Scholarship: \$1,000



**KAPUSTA, JOHN**  
of Brooklyn, NY – for  
fifth year of doctoral  
studies in Music,  
University of California,  
Berkeley, CA. Scholarship: \$4,000.



**MEHLENBACHER,  
KURT** of Corvallis,  
OR – for third year of  
graduate studies in Music  
Composition, University  
of Colorado, Boulder, CO.  
Scholarship: \$1,000.



**MIKULSKI, ANNA**  
of Addison, IL – for  
second year of graduate  
studies in International  
Law, Northwestern  
University, Chicago, IL.  
Scholarship: \$7,000.



**NOWAKOWSKI,  
ALEXANDRA**  
of Palatine IL – for first  
year of graduate studies  
in Vocal Performance,  
The Academy of Vocal Arts,  
Philadelphia, PA. Scholarship: \$2,500.



**WOJDAK,  
CHRISTOPHER**  
of Rochester, NY – for  
second year of graduate  
studies in Music Therapy,  
Nazareth College, Rochester, NY.  
Scholarship: \$2,500.

### REV. PAUL J. MISKOWICZ SCHOLARSHIP FUND



**GOLA, IZABELA**  
of Brooklyn, NY – for  
second year of graduate  
studies in Fine Arts/  
Combined Media,  
Hunter College, CUNY, New York, NY.  
Scholarship: \$1,000.

### MIZWA SCHOLARSHIP FUND



**BUDZ, ALEXANDRA**  
of Lockport, IL – for first  
year of studies in Library/  
Information Science,  
University of Illinois,  
Urbana-Champaign, IL.  
Scholarship: \$1,000.



**DICHTER, THOMAS**  
of Philadelphia, PA – for  
sixth year of doctoral  
studies in English,  
University of  
Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA.  
Scholarship: \$1,000.



**FALLON, ASHLEY**  
of Canton, MI – for  
second year of graduate  
studies in Historic  
Preservation, Eastern  
Michigan University, Ypsilanti, MI.  
Scholarship: \$1,000.

### JEANETTE K. NIECIECKA FUND



**BRAZINSKI, PAUL**  
of Basking Ridge, NJ –  
for third year of graduate  
studies in Church  
History, The Catholic  
University of America, Washington, DC.  
Scholarship: \$5,000.



**CIECIERSKI,  
ANNETTE** of Edison,  
NJ – for third year of  
graduate studies in  
Human Resources and  
Immigration Law, Rutgers University,  
New Brunswick, NJ.  
Scholarship: \$3,000.



**JANOWSKI, PAWEL**  
of Somerset, NJ for  
fourth year of doctoral  
studies in Chemistry and  
Chemical Biology/  
Computational Biology, Rutgers  
University, New Brunswick, NJ.  
Scholarship: \$2,000.



**NICEWICZ,  
KAROLINA** of Bayonne,  
NJ – for first year of  
graduate studies in  
School Psychology, St.  
John's University, Queens, NY.  
Scholarship: \$4,000.



**NIEBYLSKA, IRMINA**  
of Hamilton, NJ – for  
first year of doctoral  
studies in Physical  
Therapy, Arcadia  
University, Glenside, PA.  
Scholarship: \$4,000.



**OSTRZYCKI, WESLEY**  
of Edison, NJ – for first  
year of doctoral studies in  
Physical Therapy,  
University of Miami,  
Miami, FL. Scholarship: \$5,000.



**RAJ, ERIK**  
of Manalapan, NJ –  
for fourth year of  
graduate studies in  
Communication Sciences  
and Disorders, Wayne State University,  
Detroit, MI. Scholarship: \$1,000.





**SZYPULSKI, STEPHEN**  
of Burlington, NJ – for  
first year of graduate studies  
Russian, East European and  
Eurasian Studies, Columbia  
University, New York, NY.  
Scholarship: \$5,000.



**TROCHIMIUK,  
NATALIE** of Mahwah,  
NJ – for first year of  
graduate studies in  
Engineering Management,  
The George Washington University,  
Washington, DC. Scholarship: \$5,000.



**URBANIAK,  
MALGORZATA**  
of Elmwood Park, NJ – for  
second year of graduate  
studies in Labor Studies and  
Employment Relations, Rutgers University,  
New Brunswick, NJ. Scholarship: \$2,000.

#### **THE DR. EDWARD AND MARIA NOWICKI MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND**



**WIETECHA, MATEUSZ**  
of Chicago, IL – for seventh  
year of dual doctoral degree  
studies, Doctor of Dental  
Medicine (DMD) and  
Ph.D. in Oral Sciences, University of  
Illinois, Chicago, IL. Scholarship: \$7,000.



**ZBOREK, ANNA** of  
Chicago, IL – for second  
year of doctoral studies in  
Dentistry, University of  
Illinois, Chicago, IL.

Scholarship: \$4,000.

#### **THE JOHN AND MOLLIE PIEKARSKI SCHOLARSHIP**



**HENNESSEY,  
CATHERINE** of  
Coatsville, PA – for second  
year of graduate studies in  
Creative Non-Fiction,

Pacific Lutheran University, Tacoma, WA.  
Scholarship: \$1,500.

#### **E. J. SCOTT FUND**



**MIENKO, JULITA**  
of Ridgewood, NY – for  
first year of studies in  
Medicine, Temple  
University, Philadelphia,  
PA. Scholarship: \$5,500.

#### **EDWARD C. SMITH SCHOLARSHIP FUND**



**KOZLOWSKI, JESSICA**  
of Chicago, IL – for first  
year of studies towards a  
Physician Assistant degree,  
Rosalind Franklin  
University, North Chicago, IL.  
Scholarship: \$3,000.



**MARSHALL, JAMES**  
of Mamaroneck, NY – for  
second year of graduate  
studies in Security Studies,  
Georgetown University,  
Washington, DC. Scholarship: \$3,000.

#### **RICHARD SOBIERAJ SCHOLARSHIP FUND**



**MAYE, MONICA** of  
Stamford, CT – for third  
year of graduate studies in  
Health Policy Management  
and Research, New York  
Medical College, Valhalla, NY.  
Scholarship: \$1,500.



**KURUSZKO, NICOLE**  
of Brooklyn, NY – for  
second year of graduate  
studies in International  
Affairs, The New School,  
New York, NY. Scholarship: \$2,000.

**KINZEL, ADAM** of Wauwatosa, WI –  
for second year of studies in Medicine,  
Medical College of Wisconsin, Milwaukee,  
WI. Scholarship: \$5,000.

#### **POLISH HERITAGE SOCIETY FUND OF CONNECTICUT**



**KARLIN, SAMANTHA**  
of New Fairfield, CT – for  
first year of studies in  
International Affairs, Tufts  
University Fletcher School

of Law and Diplomacy, Medford, MA.  
Scholarship: \$4,000.



**MCCAFFERTY, ELAINE**  
of Sandy Hook, CT – for  
second year of studies in  
Law, Washington and Lee  
University, Lexington, VA.  
Scholarship: \$6,000.

#### **DR. IRENE S. PYSZKOWSKI SCHOLARSHIP FUND**



**MISKOWIEC, ABIGAIL**  
of Charleston, WV – for  
second year of graduate  
studies in Theatre  
Education, Emerson  
College, Boston, MA. Scholarship: \$2,500.

#### **THE ARTHUR AND GENEVIEVE ROTH SCHOLARSHIP FUND**



**FELDMAN, MARGARET**  
of Lyndonville, NY – for  
second year of graduate  
studies in Business  
Administration, University  
of Rochester, Rochester, NY.  
Scholarship: \$5,000.

#### **MONICA AND FRANK STANITSKI MUSIC FUND**



**ROBAK, TOMASZ**  
of Chicago, IL – for second  
year of graduate studies in  
Piano Performance,  
Peabody Conservatory of  
Music, Baltimore, MD.  
Scholarship: \$4,000.

#### **WALTER J. WAJCA SCHOLARSHIP**

**ORWAT, GREGORY** of Chicopee,  
MA – for second year of graduate studies  
in Architecture, University of Virginia,  
Charlottesville, VA. Scholarship: \$6,000.

#### **IRENA AND DAMIAN WANDYCZ SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

**CZACKI, CATHERINE** of San Diego,  
CA – for third year of graduate studies  
in Art History, Theory and Criticism,  
University of California, San Diego, CA.  
Scholarship: \$1,500.

### THE JOSEPHINE WALL AND IGNATIUS WALL SCHOLARSHIP FUND



**EIBUSZYC-  
LEDERMAN, ISABEL**  
of Calabasa, CA – for  
second year of graduate  
studies in Book Art /  
Printmaking, University of the Arts,  
Philadelphia, PA. Scholarship: \$3,500.

### THE WASIL SCHOLARSHIP FUND



**KIELB, STEPHANIE**  
of Landisville, PA – for  
third year of graduate  
studies in Clinical  
Psychology, Northwestern  
University, Chicago, IL.  
Scholarship: \$2,000.



**CIUCHTA, JENNIFER**  
of Bellefonte, PA – for  
first year of studies in  
Osteopathic Medicine,  
Edward Via College of  
Osteopathic Medicine, Blacksburg, VA.  
Scholarship: \$4,000.

**ROSANO, KRISTEN** of Rockville,  
MD – for first year of studies in  
Medicine, Washington University  
in St. Louis, St. Louis, MO.  
Scholarship: \$5,500.

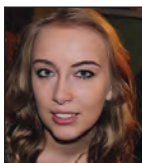
### THE ZIELINSKI FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP FUND



**DYM, WARREN**  
of Silver Spring, MD –  
for second year of  
graduate studies in  
Security Studies, The  
Georgetown University, Washington,  
DC. Scholarship: \$5,000.



**PRZYBYLOWICZ,  
RYLE** of Webster, NY –  
for fourth year of studies  
in Medicine, The Ohio  
State University,  
Columbus, OH. Scholarship: \$7,000.



**WITKOWSKA, ANNA**  
of Brooklyn, NY – first  
year of graduate studies  
in Global Affairs, New  
York University, New  
York, NY. Scholarship: \$4,000.



**ANTONIAK, PERLA** of  
Silver Spring, MD – for  
second year of graduate  
studies in Interior  
Architecture and Design,  
The George Washington University,  
Washington, MD. Scholarship: \$5,000.

**TYSKI, ANNA** of Hatboro, PA – third  
year of graduate studies in Business  
Administration, Villanova University,  
Villanova, PA. Scholarship: \$7,000.

### THE JAN PAUL ZALESKI MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND



**KĘSY, BŁAŻEJ**  
of Alexandria, VA – for  
second year of graduate  
studies in Architecture at  
Virginia Polytechnic  
Institute and State University,  
Blacksburg, VA. Scholarship: \$3,500.

### THE MICHALINA AND HERMAN ZIMBER SCHOLARSHIP FUND



**DYMERSKA,  
MALGORZATA** of  
New Britain, CT – for  
second year of studies in  
Medicine, Johns Hopkins  
School of Medicine, Baltimore, MD.  
Scholarship: \$5,000.



**MCAULIFFE, AGNES**  
of Manchester, CT – for  
third year of studies in  
Osteopathic Medicine,  
University of New  
England, Biddeford, ME.  
Scholarship: \$5,000.

### DR. MARIE E. ZAKRZEWSKA MEDICAL SCHOLARSHIP

**OLENDEREK, MARTA** of Winter  
Springs, FL – for third year of studies  
in Medicine, University of Florida,  
Gainesville, FL. Scholarship: \$3,500.

### POLISH AMERICAN CLUB OF NORTH JERSEY FUND

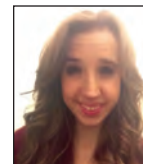
**BAZEL, NICOLETTE** of Wallington,  
NJ – undergraduate sophomore  
majoring in International Affairs,  
The George Washington University,  
Washington, DC. Scholarship: \$800.



**CIESLAR, OLIVA**  
of Westwood, NJ – for  
sophomore year of  
Pre-Med studies,  
Pennsylvania State  
University, University Park, PA.  
Scholarship: \$900.



**FILOCHOWSKI,  
PIOTR** of Upper Saddle  
River, NJ – undergraduate  
junior majoring in Violin  
Performance, Curtis  
Institute of Music, University of  
Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA.  
Scholarship: \$1,000.



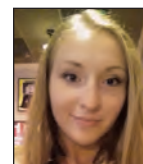
**MARCZAK,  
GABRIELLE** of Colonia,  
NJ – for sophomore year  
of undergraduate studies  
in Liberal Arts, New York  
University, New York, NY.  
Scholarship: \$200.



**MCCORMACK,  
JOANNA** of Westfield,  
NJ – for sophomore year  
of undergraduate studies  
in Liberal Arts, Rutgers  
University, New Brunswick, NJ.  
Scholarship: \$1,200.

**RUSZALA, DOMINIQUE**  
of Fairfield, NJ – for sophomore  
year of undergraduate studies in  
Animal Behavior, Bucknell University,  
Lewisburg, PA. Scholarship: \$1,500.

### POLISH NATIONAL ALLIANCE OF BROOKLYN, USA, INC. FUND



**WISZNIEWSKA,  
IZABELLA** of Brooklyn,  
NY – for freshman year  
of undergraduate studies  
in English, Hunter  
College, CUNY, New York, NY.  
Scholarship: \$2,000.



# THE YEAR ABROAD PROGRAM

## AT THE JAGIELLONIAN UNIVERSITY CENTER FOR POLISH LANGUAGE AND CULTURE IN THE WORLD 2014/2015



**MUNN, CORINNA**  
of New York, NY –  
undergraduate senior  
majoring in History at  
Columbia University,  
New York, NY. Scholarship: \$1,800  
*full academic year*



**PODOWSKI,  
ALEKSANDRA**  
of Chicago, IL  
undergraduate junior  
majoring in Biology,  
Illinois Institute of Technology,  
Chicago, IL. Scholarship: \$900  
*one semester – second semester*



**SKLODOWSKA-  
JOHNSON, JOSHUA**  
of Chicago, IL –  
undergraduate senior  
majoring in Political  
Science, University of Chicago,  
Chicago, IL. Scholarship: \$900  
*one semester*



**WATSON, MICHAEL**  
of Fairfax, VA –  
undergraduate  
sophomore majoring in  
Economics, George  
Mason University, Fairfax, VA.

Scholarship: \$900 *one semester –  
2nd semester*

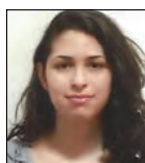


**WIECZOREK, MARK**  
of Philadelphia,  
PA – undergraduate  
sophomore majoring in  
English, Temple  
University, Philadelphia, PA.  
Scholarship: \$1,800 *full academic year*

## GRADUATE STUDIES AND RESEARCH IN POLAND 2014/2015



**BUTLER, MICHAEL**  
of Worcester MA –  
Associate Professor of  
Political Science, Clark  
University, Worcester,  
MA. A continuation of a recently  
initiated book project on humanitarian  
military intervention titled, “Shunning  
Strangers: Responsibility to Protect and  
humanitarian Intervention in Crisis.”  
Research will be conducted at the  
University of Wroclaw, Institute of  
International Studies with Dr. Jaroslaw  
Jazabek and Dr. Marek Wroblewski.  
Scholarship: \$1,500 – *5 months*



**DAZA LA CRUZ,  
YEINNY** of Forest Hills,  
NY – first year graduate  
student majoring in  
Architecture and Urban  
Planning, Wroclaw University of  
Technology. To conduct a series of design  
studies, surveys and interviews to develop  
an array of solutions that addresses the  
urbanization of Wroclaw’s present and  
future footbridges. Research will be  
conducted at Wroclaw University,  
Wroclaw with Prof. Alina Drapella-  
Hermansdorfer. Scholarship: \$2,700 –  
*9 months*



**FAHEY, JOHN**  
of Lafayette, IN – fourth  
year graduate student  
majoring in Modern  
European History at  
Purdue University, Lafayette, IN. To  
conduct a study of the interaction  
between civil and military authorities in  
the fortified city of Przemysl, Galicia  
during the late Habsburg Empire and  
Polish Second Republic. Research will be  
conducted at the Jagiellonian University  
Institute of History with Dr. Hab. Piotr  
Wrobel. Scholarship: \$2,700 – *9 months*



**FIGUS, ELIZABETH**  
of Juneau, AK – third  
year doctoral student  
majoring in Fisheries at  
the University of Alaska,  
Fairbanks, AK – To study the social and  
biological perspectives of the Atlantic  
cod fishery in Poland. The project seeks  
to determine how the catch share system  
for cod in Poland addresses biological  
shifts in the ecosystem. Research will be  
conducted at the West Pomeranian  
University of Technology in Szczecin  
with Prof. Dr. Hab. Inz. Warzyniec  
Wawrzyniak. Scholarship: \$900 –  
*3 months*



**MAZUR, LUCAS** of  
Worcester, MA – fourth  
year of doctoral studies in  
Social Psychology, Clark  
University, Worcester,  
MA – To research How Perceptions of  
Difference in Polish and Ukrainian  
Victimization under the Soviet Union  
Impact Current Polish Ukrainian  
Relations. Research will be conducted at  
the Dept of Psychology, University of  
Warsaw, with Michal Bilewicz, Ph.D.  
Scholarship: \$2,700 – *9 months*



**MOORE PONSZEK,  
CORDELIA** of  
Springfield, IL – for first  
year of graduate studies  
in International  
Economics, University of Warsaw,  
Warsaw. To study the relationship  
between study exchange programs  
like Erasmus Mundus and the  
implementation of normative EU goals  
in an integration program. Research to  
be conducted at Warsaw University,  
Department of Economics with Prof.  
Adam Szymanski. Scholarship: \$2,700 –  
*9 months*

# TOMASZKIEWICZ-FLORIO SCHOLARSHIPS FOR SUMMER STUDIES AT THE JAGIELLONIAN UNIVERSITY, CRACOW SUMMER 2014

Scholarship for all candidates: **\$1,865**



**ALLEN, LINDA**  
of Plainville, CT –  
sophomore majoring in  
Business Office  
Technology at Tunxis  
Community College, Farmington, CT.

**Session C.**



**CHLUDZINSKI,  
MARYSIA** of Longwood,  
FL – freshman majoring  
in Chinese at New  
College of Florida,

Sarasota, FL. **Art Session.**



**DZIEWA, MONIKA** of  
Brooklyn, NY – freshman  
majoring in Finance at  
Baruch College CUNY,  
New York, NY.

**Session C.**



**GORECZNY, MAGGIE**  
of Brooklyn, NY –  
sophomore majoring in  
Accounting at Bryant  
University, Smithfield,

RI. **Session C.**



**GROGAN, KAITLYN**  
of New Rochelle, NY –  
sophomore majoring in  
Economics at Boston  
College, Chestnut Hill,

MA. **Session D.**



**HOWARD, KERESA**  
of Albuquerque, NM –  
freshman majoring in  
Film Studies at Barnard  
College, New York, NY.

**Session C.**

**HUTCHISON, CAITLYN** of College  
Park, MD – junior majoring in  
International and Comparative Politics  
at American University of Paris, Paris,  
France. **Session D.**



**JOHNSON, EMMA**  
of Washington, DC –  
freshman majoring in  
Liberal Arts at Davidson  
College, Davidson, NC.

**Session A.**



**KAMINSKI, JOANNA**  
of Wilmington, DE –  
freshman majoring in  
Respiratory Care at  
Delaware Tech

Community College, Wilmington, DE.

**Session C.**



**KISALA, DAVID**  
of Southwick, MA –  
sophomore majoring in  
Biomedical Engineering  
at Western New England

University, Springfield, MA.

**Session C.**



**KOWALSKI,  
MATEUSZ** of Brooklyn  
NY – sophomore  
majoring in Geology at  
City College of New

York, New York, NY. **Session C.**



**KOZLIK, JULIA**  
of Belchertown, MA –  
junior majoring in  
Nursing at Regis College,  
Weston, MA. **Session C.**



**LAPINSKI,  
DOMINIKA** of  
Brooklyn, NY – freshman  
majoring in Early  
Childhood Education at  
Hunter College, CUNY, New York, NY.

**Session A.**



**MOSKAL, RACHEL**  
of Silver Spring, MD –  
sophomore majoring in  
Television Production at  
Montgomery

Community College, Rockville, MD.

**Session A.**



**MULLIN, MATTHEW**  
of North Tonawanda,  
NY – senior majoring in  
English/Spanish at  
Canisius College,

Buffalo, NY. **Session D.**



**SOBIERAJ, BRIGIDE**  
of Allen, TX – junior  
majoring in Biology/  
Environmental Sciences  
at the University of Texas,

Richardson, TX. **Art Session.**







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## SPECIAL TUITION SCHOLARSHIPS FOR UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS

The Kosciuszko Foundation is pleased to announce the recipients of a Special Tuition Scholarship for Undergraduate Students in the amount of \$2,000. The program is co-sponsored by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Poland and the KF, and the scholarships are to be awarded for the fall semester of the 2014-2015 academic year.

The Scholarship Program for Undergraduate students is co-financed by funds granted by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs from the competition for the public task "Cooperation with Polish Diaspora and Poles Abroad in 2014."

Scholarships are merit-based, and major, specialization, academic and professional goals as well as involvement in the Polish-American community were taken into consideration. Out of 79 applicants, 30 candidates were approved by the KF Scholarship Committee to receive an award. They are as follows:

**VERONICA BENDUSKI**, Senior majoring in English Literature and International Studies, Northwestern University, IL

**ROBERT BOROWIK**, Junior majoring in Secondary Education, History, Economics, Marquette University, WI

**PAUL CEPAK**, Freshman majoring in Political Science, University of Notre Dame, IN

**NATALIE DOBEK**, Junior majoring in Economics, Florida State University, FL

**PATRICK DYKIERT**, Freshman, Undecided, (focus on Political Science), Carnegie Mellon University, PA

**VERONIKA GAJER**, Senior majoring in Communications, American University, Washington, D.C.

**KIMBERLY GRINBERG**, Senior majoring in American Studies, Penn State University, Berks Campus, PA

**MAYA GRODZKA**, Freshman majoring in International Studies, Boston College, MA

**EMILY HELENBROOK**, Junior majoring in Political science and Vocal Performance, University of Rochester, NY

**KERESA A. HOWARD**, Freshman, Undecided (focus on Communications, Business, Polish Language), Barnard College of Columbia University, NY

**ALEX JASTRZAB**, Sophomore majoring in Financial Economics with concentration in Mathematics and Political Science, Columbia University, NY

**KLAUDIA JAZWINSKA**, Freshman majoring in Journalism and Global Studies, Lehigh University, PA

**ALEXANDRA KALINOWSKI**, Freshman majoring in Biology, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, IL

**ANNA KONOPKA**, Senior majoring in Allied Health Communications/ Pharmacy at University of Connecticut, CT

**DIANA KOSIANKA**, Junior majoring in Media Studies: Journalism, History, Hunter College, NY

**GABRIELA KULPA**, Junior majoring in Accounting, Hunter College, NY

**ALEKSANDRA KURZYDŁOWSKI**, Sophomore majoring in Economics (Political Economy Track) and East European Regional Studies with a concentration in Polish, Barnard College of Columbia University, NY

**ANDRZEJ MADRY**, Freshman majoring in Finance, Loyola University Chicago, IL

**URSZULA NIELSEN**, Junior majoring in Politics, University of Virginia, VA

**CAMILLA OSTRZYCKI**, Senior majoring in Art, Pace University, NY

**CLARISSA V. PAWLICA**, Junior majoring in History and Foreign Affairs, University of Virginia, VA

**KATHERINE RIVARD**, Senior majoring in Culture and Politics, Georgetown University, Washington, D.C.

**NATALIE SZCZEPANIAK**, Junior majoring in Slavic Languages and Literature and International Studies, Northwestern University, IL

**MARIUSZ SZCZEPANIAK**, Junior majoring in Social Studies Education, Wayne State University, MI

**ALEKSANDRA SZCZESNA**, Sophomore majoring in Political Science, University of Mary Washington, VA

**NATASHA TODD**, Senior majoring in Music Industry, University of Southern California, CA

**WERONIKA WASILEWSKI**, Junior majoring in Learning and Organizational Change, Psychology, Northwestern University, IL

**MARTA WOJCIK**, Sophomore majoring in Commercial Photography, LaGuardia Community College, NY

**PATRYK WYRZYKOWSKI**, Sophomore majoring in Political Science/ Economics, The Pennsylvania State University, PA

**BARTŁOMIEJ ZELAJTYS**, Junior majoring in Economics, Columbia University, NY

## CHICAGO CHAPTER

Dr. Lidia Filus, President of the Chicago Chapter together with Dr. Anna Kordylewska, Vice President of the Chicago Chapter were invited by the Rector of the Jagiellonian University, Prof. Wojciech Nowak, to the 650th Jubilee of the Jagiellonian University which they participated with their husbands in May 2014. The event gathered presidents of numerous European and International Universities, Nobel Prize Laureates, the President of Poland, and many other distinguished guests to take part in a spectacular procession from the Cathedral on Wawel Hill to Collegium Maximum. These guests also attended meetings and receptions at the new, modern campus as well as at historic locations such as Collegium Maius, Sukiennice Halls, Wierzynek Restaurant, and Cracow Concert Hall.



*Lidia Filus hands a congratulations letter to Jagiellonian University Rector, Wojciech Nowak, from Northeastern Illinois University President Sharon Habs, Ph.D.*

On May 24, 2014, Drs. Anna and Leszek Kordylewski participated in the celebration of the 20th Anniversary of the Jagiellonian University Medical College, Faculty of Medicine, School of Medicine in English. The school has been involved in a long-term collaboration with the Kosciuszko Foundation Chicago Chapter.

In June, Igor Lipinski, KF scholarship recipient and doctoral candidate in Piano and Performing Arts at Northwestern University, gave his second doctoral recital at Lutkin Hall in Evanston. Mr. Lipinski was also a featured soloist at the Woodstock Mozart Festival, a premier summer classical music event in the Chicago area that took place in August.

In June, Dr. Kinga Kosmala received the Consortium for Language Teaching and Learning Grant from the Chicago Language Center at the University of Chicago to expand the



*Jagiellonian University 650th Anniversary Jubilee. Parade of international professors in Cracow, Poland. Drs. Kordylewskis are on the left.*

curricula of her First-Year and Second-Year Polish language classes.

Dr. Anna Horolets, the KF Polish exchange scholar in Anthropology from Gdansk University, finished conducting her six-month-long studies at the University of Illinois. She gave a lecture on June 14, 2014, at a meeting of the Polish Group of the International Women Associates. Several Chapter members attended this lecture.

Drs. Anna and Leszek Kordylewski represented the Chicago KF Chapter in the commemoration of the 70th Anniversary of the Warsaw Uprising 1944 held on August 1st, 2014. It was held at the Polish Consulate in Chicago, and was attended by the Ambassador to Poland in the US. The heroic Warsaw Uprising was the largest single military effort undertaken by any European resistance movement in WWII. Some survivors of the Uprising who now reside in Chicago were also present at the event.

Dr. Ewa Radwanska has been extensively involved in the planning of next year's KF Janczewski Award and working on a new Medical KF Exchange Fellowship to the University of Chicago. She traveled to Poland in August and September to meet with Prof. Piotr Wilczek, Director of the KF Warsaw Office, and other officials. ↻

Prof. Lidia Filus  
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## PHILADELPHIA CHAPTER

On Wednesday, May 7, the Philadelphia Chapter hosted Polish historian Dr. Tomasz Pudlocki for a lecture entitled, “In the Name of Polish-American Friendship: Stephan Mizwa, Roman Dyboski and the Kosciuszko Foundation”. Guests enjoyed an interesting and informative lecture on the role of Polish and American scholars during the founding of the Kosciuszko Foundation. Dr. Pudlocki, a former KF grantee, currently teaches at the Jagiellonian University in Krakow. The Chapter extends sincere thanks to members Romuald and Jolanta Roman for hosting the lecture and reception at the Silverstone Bed and Breakfast in Chestnut Hill.



*Dr. Tomasz Pudlocki with Dr. Janusz Romanski*

This summer, Chapter President Teresa G. Wojcik reprised her role as the American Staff Leader for the Teaching English in Poland language camp in Pinczow, Poland. She was honored to have four individuals from the Chapter’s Philadelphia/New Jersey region join her on the staff of the camp. Mrs. Patricia Sheetz and Sr. Catherine Swartz, OSF served as teachers at the camp while Michael Esser and Kenneth Connelly volunteered as teaching assistants. Mrs. Sheetz and Sr. Catherine are members of the faculty in the Business Department at John W. Hallahan Catholic Girls’ High School in Philadelphia. Michael is a senior at Temple University majoring in Secondary Education and Kenneth is a graduate student in Biology at Rutgers University. Six other individuals from Ohio, New York, and New England joined Patty, Sister Cathy, Mike, and Ken in making the Pińczów camp a great success. In addition to morning English language lessons, camp participants enjoyed learning tennis and American sports such as football and baseball. Evening assemblies focused on cultural events such as American Independence Day and Halloween. During one weekend field trip, the American volunteers accompanied the children to the famous horse stables in Michałów, where award-winning Arabian horses are bred. 🇺🇸

Teresa G. Wojcik, Ph.D.  
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**Opening Ceremony in Pinczow** – seated: 2nd from left, Sr. Catherine Swartz, O.S.F., 4th from left, Patricia Sheetz, 2nd from right, Teresa G. Wojcik, 3rd from right, Michael Esser, and 6th from right, Kenneth Connelly

## IN MEMORIAM

### DR. MAGDALENA MARIA GAWESKA-TOLSCIK

Dr. Magdalena Maria Gaweska-Tolscik passed away on February 26, 2014 in Amarillo, TX at the age of 74. She earned her Medical Degree at the University of Krakow. Magdalena did her medical Internship in Zakopane where she met her husband Richard, who was also a physician there. She emigrated to the United States in 1968 and trained in Pediatrics at Coney Island Hospital before moving to Lansdale, Pennsylvania. She moved back to Krakow, Poland with her husband in early 2000.

Despite living in the United States for most of her adult life, Magdalena strongly believed in the importance of maintaining a firm link to her Polish heritage. She raised her three daughters with exposure to the Polish scout camp at the Shrine, taught them how to prepare traditional Polish foods and how to maintain Polish holiday traditions, encouraged their participation in the summer Polish language offerings through the Kosciuszko Foundation in Krakow, the Debutante Ball in NY, as well as other opportunities to further their awareness and appreciation of the Polish language and culture.

Dr. Tolscik was passionate about maintaining ties with the Polish communities in New York and Pennsylvania, being an active member of the Kosciuszko Foundation, the Jozef Pilsudski Institute of America, the Polish



Institute for Arts and Sciences of America (PIASA) and other organizations that support Polish culture in the United States. She and her husband Richard donated a home they had purchased in Philadelphia to further the Kosciuszko Foundation's mission in the United States. They also collected and shipped much needed medical supplies to Polish hospitals during their time in the medical field.

Magdalena greatly enjoyed travel, spending much time in Barbados, West Indies during her retirement from clinical medicine, was a voracious reader, loved theater, opera and classical music, spent time learning foreign languages including Spanish and French and was a passionate home chef. She was known for her tenacity of spirit, her elegance, her intelligence and her love of life.

Magdalena's daughter Dr. Olga Tolscik made a generous donation in the amount of \$3,125 to the KF to establish the Dr. Magdalena Maria Gaweska-Tolscik Medical Scholarship to support the study of medicine by young men and women of Polish ancestry for first, second or third year medical studies in a US Medical School or the English -language MD program in Poland (Poznan or Krakow) with first preference to be given to residents of the state of New York.

### JOSEPHINE HELEN ALENIEWSKI

Josephine Helene "Josie" Aleniewski, 88, of Rumson, formerly of Harrison, died on July 22, 2014. She was born in Newark, NJ, and attended Harrison High School graduating with honors. She received her nursing degree from St. Michael's Hospital, Newark in 1949 where she was trained by the nuns and later worked as an OR nurse in the hospital.

A longtime resident of Harrison, she served as a Board of Health nurse and as school nurse in Holy Cross School. She was also a member of the St. Michael's Nurses' Alumni Association.

She loved learning and continued her studies at Marymount College in Manhattan and encouraged



others to get their education. She loved reading and after retiring could be found frequenting the lovely Harrison Library, and she enjoyed traveling abroad.

She loved New York for both fashion and culture. She would march up and down 5th Avenue to "study" the windows and even attended the Fashion Institute of Technology one summer. Most of all she enjoyed the opera, ballet and classical music at Lincoln Center and sharing these experiences with her nieces and nephews. She was proud of her Polish heritage and served many years as Secretary of the Pro-Arte League of the Kosciuszko Foundation of which her parents were early members and benefactors.



## IN MEMORIAM

### PROF. PETER K. GESSNER

1931 – 2014

Professor Peter K. Gessner, a member of the National Advisory Council of the Kosciuszko Foundation, passed away on June 27, 2014. He was 83.

Dr. Gessner was elected to the membership of the National Advisory Council of the Kosciuszko Foundation in 2007. The National Advisory Council serves in an advisory capacity to the Board of Trustees to further the mission of the Foundation and assist with the establishment and supervision/oversight of local chapters. Dr. Gessner had served on the Council for several terms with dedication and passion. He contributed significantly to the Council's duties. He also had been a board member of the Foundation's Western New York Chapter since 2008 and served as the chapter president in 2012.



He was born in Warsaw. He participated in 1944 Warsaw Uprising as a boy scout. After the war he studied at the University of London, earning his Ph.D. degree in chemistry. He became a post-doctoral fellow at Cleveland Clinic in 1958 and moved to the University of Buffalo in 1962, becoming a full professor of pharmacology in 1975. At the University of Buffalo he ran a joint project with the Jagiellonian University as a director of the Polish Academic

Information Center. In addition to his academic obligations he served as president of the Polish Arts Club of Buffalo, promoting the work of local Polish-American artists.

Professor Gessner was awarded the Jagiellonian University's Order of Merit and The Officers Cross of Merit of the Republic of Poland.

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### MSGR. STANLEY MILEWSKI

Born Nov. 30, 1929, the young Stanley Milewski grew up on Detroit's near west side, attending grade school at Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (West) Parish and St. Andrew School. He then attended St. Mary's Prep and St. Mary's College before moving on to St. John's Provincial Seminary to finish his priestly formation. He was ordained for the Archdiocese of Detroit on June 4, 1955, but later went back to earn a master's degree from SS. Cyril & Methodius Seminary, and a doctorate from Alliance College in Cambridge Springs, Pa. His first assignment was as associate pastor of St. Francis D'Assisi in Detroit (1955-57) before quickly becoming a Polish, religion and history teacher at Orchard Lake.

"He was the face of Orchard Lake to the Polish-American community, and the Polish-American community sees Orchard Lake as the defender of their life and history here in the United States,"



Msgr. Thomas C. Machalski said. "In his heyday, he was at everything that had to do with Polonia both locally and nationally." That included being personally invited by President Jimmy Carter to be part of the official U.S. delegation for Pope St. John Paul II's inauguration and installation Mass in 1978, which he viewed not as a personal honor, but "as a great honor for Orchard Lake" and affirmation

of its place in Polonia and the Church, Msgr. Machalski said.

He was named a Prelate of Honor to His Holiness Pope John Paul II (monsignor) in 1990, and later elevated to the highest rank of monsignor — Apostolic Protonotary — by Pope Benedict XVI in 2007. He was honored with the Bishop Stephen Woznicki Award for his contributions to Polish affairs.

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