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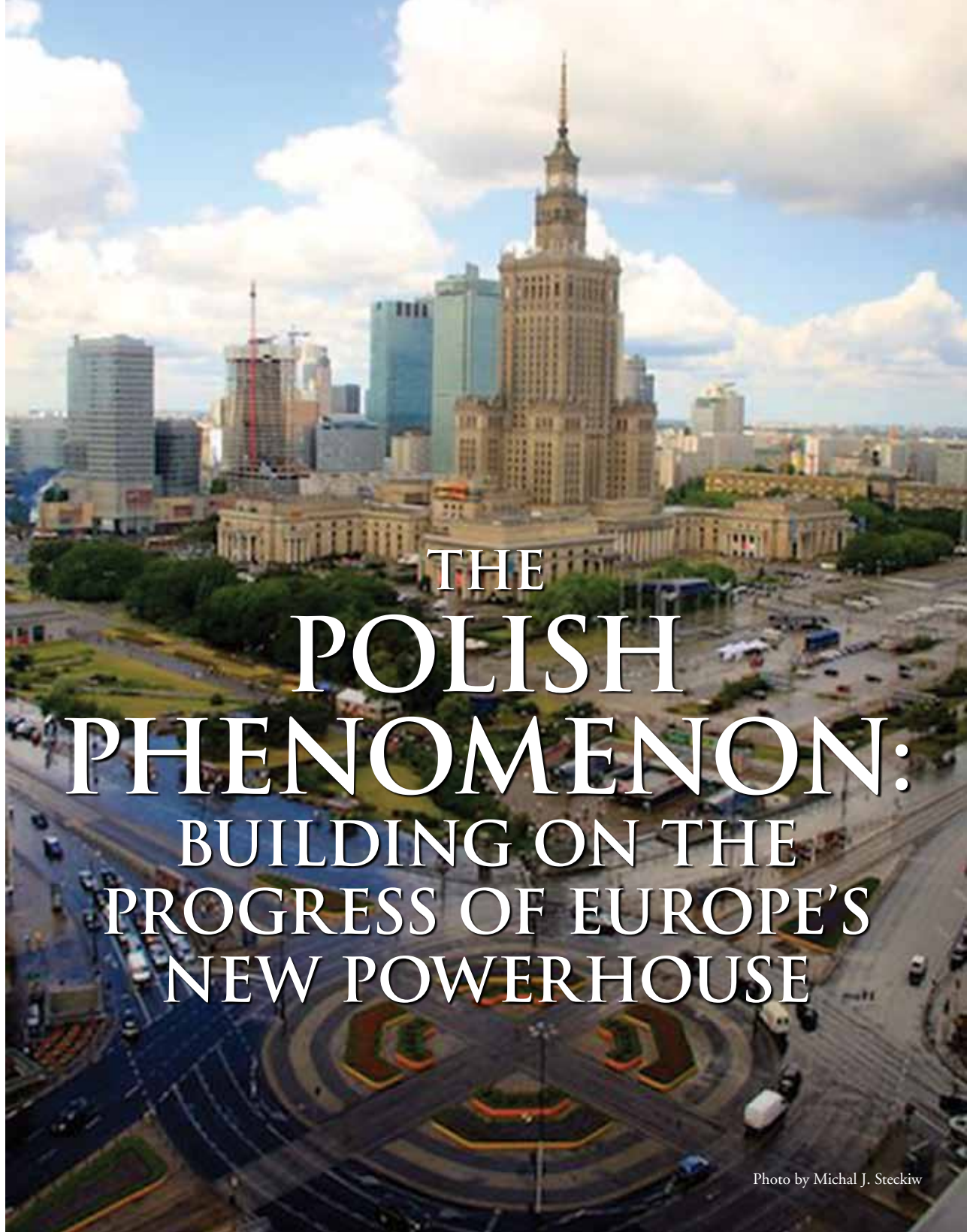
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# THE POLISH PHENOMENON: BUILDING ON THE PROGRESS OF EUROPE'S NEW POWERHOUSE

Photo by Michal J. Stecki

# THE POLISH PHENOMENON: BUILDING ON THE PROGRESS OF EUROPE'S NEW POWERHOUSE

by Alex Storzynski, *President of the Kosciuszko Foundation*

Who would have believed it? The German magazine *Der Spiegel* this year published an article entitled: "The Miracle Next Door: Poland Emerges as a Central European Powerhouse." The German magazine touted Poland's great success after being devastated by "savage German occupiers" and "Soviet dictators."

Over the past two decades, Poland has gone from being the political success of Europe, overthrowing Communism with the Solidarity revolution, to an economic powerhouse thanks to investments from the European Union and tenacious Polish entrepreneurship.

In its latest World Economic Outlook report, the International Monetary Fund predicts that Poland's economy will grow by 2.4% in 2012 and by 2.1% in 2013. Europe's economy as a whole will shrink by -0.4% in 2012 and grow by 0.2 % in 2013.

Unlike some other European countries, Poland made the hard choices to reform its markets and shed the communist state through shock therapy during the 1990s.

How did Poland manage to transform so quickly, from a Communist command economy to Europe's greatest success story?

When the latest global recession hit four years ago, the Polish government cut spending. Poland's Finance Minister, Jacek Rostowski, wrote a Jan. 31, 2010, Op-Ed in *The Wall Street Journal*: "Poland has stuck to its belief in free market principles during the crisis. Instead of a stimulus package, it enacted an effective savings program, as well as implemented several key structural reforms. That is the 'secret' of Poland's success."

Education has also been key to Poland's success. The Kosciuszko Foundation

has awarded scholarships to Polish scholars to study economics, law, business, political science and other majors. Many of these scholars have played important roles in Poland's reforms.

American universities are still the greatest in the world and each year The Kosciuszko Foundation brings new scholars to the United States to conduct research and absorb academic and management skills that are not as commonplace in Europe.

The Kosciuszko Foundation also sends American students to Poland for language and exchange programs so that they can learn about their heritage and return to their communities with a strong pride in their roots.

The importance of this two-way mission cannot be stressed enough. Each year, Asia sends its best and brightest students to take their seats at America's top universities. The media is filled with stories of Asian "Tiger Moms" who drill their children in math and science so they can better compete in school and the world marketplace.

My mom wasn't a tiger, but an eagle, and together with the Kosciuszko Foundation, she taught me to spread my wings. That is the mission of the Kosciuszko Foundation, to fund scholarships and grants to help our scholars fly up the ladder of success.

Each year, the Foundation gives away a portion of its endowment to provide scholarships so that Poles can be real contenders in this competitive world. That is why we need new donors to fund our future scholarships.

It's not enough for Poland to be the powerhouse of Eastern Europe, because in today's tough times, competition for the best jobs is global. 🇺🇸



## PRESIDENT OF POLAND BECOMES AN HONORARY MEMBER OF THE KF



*On September 27, 2012 the KF Staff met with the President of Poland, Bronislaw Komorowski at the Polish Consulate in New York, and presented him an honorary Membership Certificate.*

## LATEST NEWS FROM THE KOSCIUSZKO FOUNDATION POLAND

### ● GIVING TO THE KOSCIUSZKO FOUNDATION POLAND

United States citizens who donate money to the Foundation receive tax deductions from their American taxes, and now, Polish citizens who donate to The Kosciuszko Foundation Poland can receive tax deductions as well.

### ● THE BOHDAN AND ZYGMUNT JANCZEWSKY \$10,000 AWARD

The award shall be granted by The Kosciuszko Foundation in the form of a diploma and a cash award every two years for the most outstanding publication in clinical medicine published in a world-class professional medical journal in English within the two years preceding the granting of the Award.

For more information please visit The Kosciuszko Foundation website at: [www.thekf.org](http://www.thekf.org) or contact our Warsaw office.



*Chopin*

THE KOSCIUSZKO FOUNDATION CHOPIN PIANO COMPETITION is now accepting pianists from Poland!

The Competition is open to Polish citizens, citizens and permanent residents of the US and to international full-time students with valid student visas. Please note, the age requirement has changed. Applicants must be between the ages of 16 and 26.



## 2012 KOSCIUSZKO FOUNDATION SEMBRICH VOICE SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION WINNERS

**Victor Antipenko**, tenor; and **Julie-Ann Hamula**, soprano will represent the US at the Moniuszko Competition in Warsaw in May 2013.

The names of our 2012 Sembrich Competition Winners: 1st prize – Victor Antipenko, 2nd prize – Julie-Ann Hamula, 3rd prize – a tie between Marta Wryk and Emily Newton.

There will be two Kosciuszko Foundation prizes presented at the Moniuszko Competition in Warsaw: the Jan Kiepura Award for the most authentic performance of Polish literature, and the Ada Sari Award for the most versatile performance of international repertoire.

Both, the KF prizes and travel grants for the singers are possible thanks to the generosity of KF long time member and supporter, Ms. Ann Coxe Zagoreos. Thank you, Ann!



*Finalists of the 2012 KF Sembrich Competition: Victor Antipenko, Wojciech Bonarowski, Julie-Ann Hamula, Emily Helenbrook, Emily Newton, and Marta Wryk; Jurors Charles Kellis, and Basia Revi and Magdalena Mazurek-Nuovo, KF*



*Walter Zachariasiewicz sitting with Poland's Ambassador to the United States, Richard Schnepf.*

# WASHINGTON FUNDRAISING DINNER

**O**n November 3, the Kosciuszko Foundation held its annual Washington, DC Fundraising Dinner at Georgetown University, honoring Mr. Walter Zachariasiewicz for his tireless efforts on behalf of Poland and Polish-Americans. After being imprisoned in a Soviet gulag and serving in the Polish government-in-exile, Mr. Zachariasiewicz immigrated to the United States. Stateside, Zachariasiewicz joined the National Democratic Committee, worked on the campaigns of John F. Kennedy and Lyndon B. Johnson, and was later appointed as an International Relations Special Assistant to the U.S. Postmaster General. All the while, Zachariasiewicz continued to promote the interests of Polish-Americans through active involvement in the Kosciuszko Foundation and other Polish-American organizations.

On this chilly November night, guests travelled from across the nation in an enormous showing of support for both Mr. Zachariasiewicz and the Kosciuszko Foundation. Our program began with an outstanding performance of Polish

and American music by world-renowned soprano, Malgorzata Kellis, and pianist, Michael Baitzer. Following Kellis and Baitzer's performance, attendees were able to hear the recollections of Honoree Walter Zachariasiewicz, the remarks of President Storozyński, and a special address from the recently appointed Ambassador of Poland to the United States Ryszard Schnepf. The Kosciuszko Foundation is especially grateful for Mr. Zachariasiewicz's endowment of the Adeline and Walter Zachariasiewicz Journalism Scholarship, established that night in memory of Lucjan and Stacia Nowinski. This scholarship will perpetuate Zachariasiewicz's profound impact on the lives of countless Polish-Americans far into the future.

Everyone then enjoyed the authentic Polish cuisine of Creative European Catering and 'szarlotka' punch provided by *Zubrówka* Brand Ambassador, Daniel Undhammer. The Kosciuszko Foundation is especially grateful for the lifetime efforts of Mr. Zachariasiewicz, the continued support of the Consular Division of the Embassy of the Republic of Poland




*The KF's Washington Director Marta Pasko-Gongora dances with Walter Zachariasiewicz as they are serenaded to Edith Piaf's "La Vie en rose" by Jerzy Sapieyevski on the piano and Gen. Edward Rowny on the harmonica.*



*Kosciuszko Foundation volunteers and scholarship winners at the fundraising dinner at Georgetown University.*

in Washington D.C., and the presence of all those who were able to attend. Your undying support, especially in the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy, is a testament to the resilience of the Polish-American community

and our common culture. We hope to see you at future Kosciuszko Foundation events in Washington and at our many other chapters throughout the country. 



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THE SCHOLARSHIP AWARD:  
 An award of \$5,000 is to be given annually to a student of Polish descent to help cover expenses while attending undergraduate or graduate journalism and/or media studies at an accredited American university.

Applicants for the award should be of high academic standing, demonstrate substantive engagement in activities on- and off-campus and be associated with Polish cultural and community programs.

Applicants will also be required to submit articles or visual media materials on topics pertaining to Poland's history, culture or society for possible publication or inclusion in English and/or Polish language publications or media on- or off-campus.

The Kosciuszko Foundation will establish the appropriate selection panels and submission procedures based on their vast experience and expertise in handling grants and awards programs pertaining to Poland and the United States.



THE KOSCIUSZKO FOUNDATION

*78th Annual  
Dinner & Ball*

April 27th, 2013 at Waldorf=Astoria  
Park Avenue at 50th Street, New York, NY

# Debutantes Invited!

The Kosciuszko Foundation is looking for debutantes to present to society at the Annual Dinner and Ball. Many of you know Miss Polonias and young ladies of distinction who would make perfect candidates for the debutante class of 2013.

*Please help us spread the word!*

The Kosciuszko Foundation Annual Dinner and Ball is a dazzling evening of dining, dancing, and networking, attended by debutantes, dignitaries and celebrities in the Grand Ballroom of New York's Waldorf=Astoria. For 78 years the Kosciuszko Foundation Annual Dinner and Ball has been the premier social event in the Polish American community. This year's Ball will be on Saturday, April 27, 2013.

As the highlight of the evening, debutantes are presented under the guidance of the Debutante Patroness, who is selected each year for her service and commitment to the Kosciuszko Foundation. At the conclusion of the debutante presentation, honored guests and dignitaries lead the entire assemblage in the historic and stately Polonaise.

This will be a night that these young ladies will remember for the rest of their lives. In fact, many Polish-Americans have met their wives and husbands attending this prestigious event.

To request an application or for more information about the Debutante Presentation please call Kaya Sawczuk at the Kosciuszko Foundation at (212) 734-2130.



Guests at the opening of two man art exhibit featuring Anna Constance Lipowicz and Zenon Nowacki.



# POLISH CULTURE AT THE KF

The Kosciuszko Foundation is mostly known and recognized for its scholarship activities. However, our mission has always been focused on promoting Polish art and culture, therefore throughout the year we had various events such as concerts, art exhibits, lectures, authors' evenings.

Here are the most memorable of them.

**Art Exhibit by Bernard Aptekar "Portraits of an Intellectual and Political Landscape"** opened on May 17, 2012. The exhibition consisted of 11 stunning portraits of well-known political and intellectual figures, as interpreted by celebrated New York artist of Polish heritage, Bernard Aptekar. A portrait of Krzysztof Penderecki, KF's honorary Trustee was a part of the exhibit.

**Kinga Augustyn and Jasna Popovic** presented a violin recital with piano on June 3, 2012. The program included music by K. Szymanowski and L. van Beethoven. The concert had great attendance and received excellent reviews.

**Adam Makowicz** concert on June 14, 2012. Adam Makowicz presented some well known Jazz standards and... Kashubian folk



*Concert of Adam Baldych, young Polish violinist, June 6th, 2012*



*Adam Makowicz at the KF Gallery, presenting some well known jazz standards and... Kashubian folk tunes!*

tunes! After the concert, we presented Makowicz's biography "Grac Pierwszy Fortepian". The book was discussed by Krzysztof Medyna, a Polish jazzman, residing in the USA.

As every year, for the past 4 years, we celebrated **Tadeusz Name's Day**. We held a reenactment of the party that was thrown by Prince Czartoryski in honor of Tadeusz Kosciuszko in 1792. At this party, the women wore white dresses with black and blue sashes.

The women made a garland crown of leaves from an oak tree planted 100 years earlier by King Sobieski, and placed it on Kosciuszko's head to honor him.

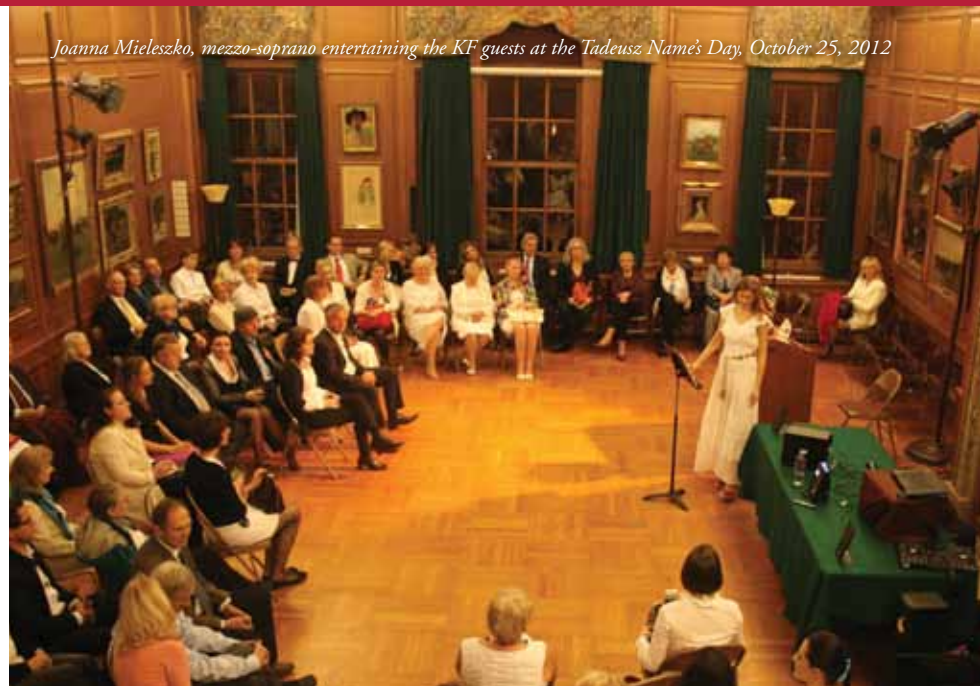
On Oct. 25, 2012 we honored **Mr. Marek Skulimowski**, Director of US Operations and Marketing at INGLOT Cosmetics, former Consul of Poland in New York, a long time friend of the Kosciuszko Foundation and supporter of Polish causes.

A young mezzo-soprano, **Joanna Mielezsko** sang for our guests. Polish Happy Hours' own DJ DLP provided party music. ☺☺

All of these events were made possible thanks to the generosity of our Members.

*We thank you very much for your support.*





*Joanna Mielezsko, mezzo-soprano entertaining the KF guests at the Tadeusz Name's Day, October 25, 2012*



*Former Polish Consul and Director of Ingot USA, Marek Skulimowski was honored this year for his help to the Kosciuszko Foundation at the annual Name's Day Celebration in October. Marek, left, KF President Alex Storozynski and Magdalena Mieczkowska.*

*Reception with Adam Makowicz, after his concert at the KF, June 14, 2012*



*Painter, Bernard Aptekar, Elizabeth Koszarski Skrabonja, former KF Art Curator and guests enjoying the art exhibit "Portraits of an Intellectual and Political Landscape by Bernard Aptekar"*

*Kinga Augustyn, presenting music by Karol Szymanowski, June 3th, 2012*

*Barbara Kazimierzuk and her guest at the opening of the exhibit "Inspired by Janusz Korczak, featuring young artists from USA, Poland, Slovenia, Sweden, and Denmark.*

# TEACHING ENGLISH IN POLAND PROGRAM CELEBRATES 22 YEARS!



*Teaching English in Poland Volunteer Staff 2012*

Since 1991, The Kościuszko Foundation has been organizing and sponsoring the *Teaching English in Poland Program*. The twenty-second annual *Teaching English in Poland Program* took place in July 2012 at two campuses. The Arts Enriched English Language Camp celebrated its fourth year at the Polish Scouting Leadership Camp and Educational-Recreational Center, “Nadwarciański Gród”, at Załęcze Wielkie. The site, located on the Warta River near the city of Wieluń, is adjacent to a national park. The Foundation

provided an Arts Enrichment Camp Program staffed with 18 Americans for 57 middle school and 35 high school Polish students. The Arts Enriched English Language Camp Curriculum offered classes in Music, Art, Theatre, and Conversational English as well as American Sports Activities. The Ohio Chapter of the Kościuszko Foundation was awarded a grant from the Delta Kappa Gamma Educational Foundation to purchase equipment for the fourth consecutive year. Music technology was added to the curriculum this summer. The



*Teaching English in Poland Volunteer Staff 2012*

High School Students composed and recorded their own compositions.

This summer a new site was added near the town of Kwidzyn in Northern Poland. A staff of 13 Americans provided an English Language-American Culture camp for 70 elementary Polish students with the cooperation and sponsorship of Kwidzyńskie Towarzystwo Pływaków. Thank you to UNESCO of Poland for their continued support of the TEIP program. Four classes of conversational English as well as music, art and sports were offered at the first TEIP camp for elementary students in Barlewicki, Poland. The Camp lasted for two weeks and in the third week the American staff toured Gdansk, Sopot, Kwidzyn and Warsaw. The students and staff took a special day trip to the Ethnographic Museum in the Kaszuby region of Poland.

This year's volunteer teachers and assistants hailed from 15 different States. They arrived in Poland on July 28 delivering a three week program and a two week program which included language immersion and American cultural experiences to the student groups at two Kościuszko Foundation-UNESCO camps located in Barlewicki and Załęcze.

The Kościuszko Foundation Ohio Chapter's Joseph Divis Grant was awarded to Lauren Woolum, Danielle Feeny, and Anna Mytko. Lauren volunteered as a teaching assistant in the music technology class at Załęcze. Danielle Feeny and Anna Mytko volunteered at the camp in Barlewicki. All three women attend Kent State University in Ohio.

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# CHRISTINE B. KUSKOWSKI & WALTER KUSKOWSKI

Volunteers, Mentors, Teachers, and Leaders of Polonia

by Dr. Mary Kay Pieski

*Assistant Director, Teaching English in Poland Program*

**M**r. Walter Kuskowski held the door at the entrance to The Kosciuszko Foundation and greeted Cardinal Karol Wojtyła when he visited the Foundation in 1976 and told its members that the work of the Foundation “is particularly important at this time. We realize that culture creates a national identity, and in the end creates a nation itself.” Included in the work of the Foundation is one special program celebrating twenty-three years this summer- namely the *Teaching English in Poland Program* (TEIP). Two outstanding members of the Kosciuszko Foundation, Christine and Walter Kuskowski have steered this program over the decades.

The Foundation inaugurated the TEIP Program on a trial basis in the summer of 1991, with ten teachers who were recruited by the Western New York Chapter of the Foundation to work with 100 Polish students in Bydgoszcz, Poland. In each succeeding year, the program doubled in number of locations and students served. A detailed history of the program can be found on The Kosciuszko Foundation website, [www.thekf.org](http://www.thekf.org) under Programs, Educational, Teaching English in Poland. The numbers are impressive. At 108 camps in all regions of Poland over 14,000 Polish students have had the opportunity to practice their English with native speakers and learn about American culture. Since the beginning of the program over 1,600 American volunteer teachers and teaching assistants have experienced first hand the richness of the Polish culture and its welcoming people.

Mrs. Kuskowski was introduced to the Kosciuszko Foundation through



her parents who were also members. Through the cooperative efforts of the Polish American Teachers Association and the Kosciuszko Foundation, Christine and Walter were among several PATA members who led tours to Poland for American educators that began in the mid 70's. They were also very active in the Holocaust Studies Committee of the Kosciuszko Foundation and the Polish American Teachers Association. Mr. Kuskowski was one of the co-founders of the Polish Teachers Association. Mr. and Mrs. Kuskowski are members of various other Polish organizations serving Polonia. Mrs. Kuskowski has been a long time member of The Kosciuszko Foundation National Advisory Committee.

In 1992, Mrs. Kuskowski served as a group leader in the Teaching English in Poland Program in Lomza. She prepared and published the first official TEIP

curriculum guide for The Kosciuszko Foundation in 1992. Mr. Joseph E. Gore Esq., President and Executive Director of The Kosciuszko Foundation appointed Mrs. Kuskowski Director of the TEIP Program in 1993.

Christine was responsible for recruiting, selecting, and organizing the all volunteer American teaching and teaching assistant staffs for each site, making arrangements for group flights, medical/accident insurance for participants, obtaining and shipping educational materials and supplies; providing program and curriculum guidelines and training for the American participants; and communication with UNESCO and the Polish Directors at each site. She tirelessly prepared correspondence and written materials (flyers, brochures, applications, newspaper articles, certificates for Polish students etc.) In addition she would also solicit funds from outside sources such as the Educational Enterprise Foundation, Lodz, Poland; the Marie Sklodowska Curie Professional Women's Association and the Polish American Teachers Association to name a few. In 2007, The Polish Ministry of National Education awarded Christine *The Medal of the Commission of National Education of Poland* at a ceremony in Warsaw for her work in the Kosciuszko Foundation's Teaching English in Poland Program.

Through the years, Walter volunteered his time not only at home in the preparation of the staff lists and paperwork associated with organizing the camps but also offered his expertise in the areas of Polish history, literature, genealogy, geography, and culture to the American staff members while travelling to the camps

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# “A STATE SO ODDLY CONSTITUTED?”

## THE SEJM AND THE POLITICAL CULTURE OF THE POLISH-LITHUANIAN COMMONWEALTH, 1569-1795”



**PROFESSOR ROBERT FROST** of the University of Aberdeen in Scotland gave a lecture at the Kosciuszko Foundation titled “A State So Oddly Constituted? The Sejm and the Political Culture of the Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth, 1569-1795.” Afterwards, he spoke with Tomasz Pudlocki, Ph.D., a historian at Jagiellonian University and a Kosciuszko Foundation visiting scholar at Columbia University. Here are some excerpts from that talk:

**TP:** Was the Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth really unique in its parliamentary system in comparison to the other parts of Europe at the time?

**RF:** It has often been suggested, that the Sejm was different, and that this difference was in large part responsible for the supposed failure of the Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth, but I was trying to suggest in my talk that all parliamentary systems have their procedural and structural peculiarities. As Władysław Konopczyński pointed out many years ago, the desire for consensus in parliamentary proceedings was by no means unusual, indeed it

was in many respects the norm, in late medieval and early modern Europe, and it is the acceptance of majority voting that needs explanation. In fact, given the need for consensus, the Sejm performed remarkably until the 1660s. As I pointed out, even in 1667, when the *liberum veto* was becoming institutionalized, and when the four previous Sejms had been broken, it passed 226 pieces of legislation in just over ten weeks. That is 30 more than the US Congress managed this year, even though it sits all year. Things did indeed decline markedly from the reign of Sobieski, and the Sejm was barely functional in the reign of Augustus III, though the political system did find ways around the problem. Finally, in 1791, the Four Year Sejm did carry out major

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reforms to the parliamentary system. Of course, the system had its peculiarities, but I believe the Sejm should be studied alongside other parliamentary systems, and not as some exotic phenomenon.

**TP:** So Poles and Lithuanians can be proud of their common history?

**RF:** Historians of Russia like to pretend that the Poles were simple imperialists like the Russians or the British. Poland-Lithuania was not an empire, but a commonwealth; a union state formed by the consent of the parties involved. It

is only this year that the Anglo-Scottish union, (begun in 1603) passed the Polish-Lithuanian union in terms of longevity (409 to 408 years). And the Polish-Lithuanian union was not ended with the consent of its citizens, as the Anglo-Scottish union may do in 2014, when there will be a referendum on independence. Over those four centuries, the Poles and Lithuanians created a remarkably successful political union, based on republican ideals of citizenship, constitutional monarchy and a developed sense of citizen rights. I would not wish, as some Poles do, to present it as some utopia. It was not that. Its politics were often messy and relations between Poles, Lithuanians and especially Ruthenians were often far from harmonious.

As contemporary critics such as Krzysztof Opaliński and Andrzej Frycz Modrzewski pointed out, it excluded burghers and peasants from citizenship, while by the seventeenth century the fact that some Orthodox Ruthenians felt that they were second-class citizens caused an explosion from which the Commonwealth never really recovered. It began addressing the matter with regard to burghers, and, in Kościuszko’s manifesto, even peasants at the end of the eighteenth century, but it was too late. But yes, there was much to be proud of, and I admire the Polish-Lithuanian system far more than the brutal empires of Prussia and Russia that destroyed it. They were hardly paradises for peasants either, though generations of historians have admired them for their supposed efficiency and state-building, which have long been deemed progressive.

**TP:** You gave two examples of absolutely different political writers of the epoch: Andrzej Maksymilian Fredro and Jean Jacques Rousseau. Why them in the topic of the political culture?

**RF:** I quoted Rousseau because he

actually thought about Poland-Lithuania and its political problems, though I think he was rather puzzled by the Commonwealth. Commentators often point out that his Considerations on the Government of Poland seems to fit badly with the political philosophy he had laid out in his Social Contract. Perhaps that is because he was honest enough to realize that there was much in Poland-Lithuanian politics that challenged the ideas he had earlier put forward. He certainly did not come up with any solution to the Commonwealth's difficulties. But if he thought it 'oddly constituted,' he rather admired it because of its steadfast resistance to absolute monarchy, and regarded the Sejm as far less corrupt than the British Parliament which many of his enlightened contemporaries in France so admired. As for Fredro, I mentioned him because he wrote, in 1660, the best intellectual defense of the *liberum veto*, which is still of value when one seeks to understand why it was not the ridiculous notion as it is usually portrayed. It is, in any case, still alive. As I write these words, the British Prime Minister, David Cameron, is in Brussels threatening to veto the European Union budget. It will not make him popular in Poland if he does, but perhaps the Poles might understand better than some that vetoes, or the threat of vetoes, can be useful in politics.

**TP:** If was everything so successful, why so many stereotypes about the Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth?

**RF:** I do not wish to deny that there were enormous problems in the Commonwealth. The citizens of the *szlachta* republic venerated the political community that they had created, and were loyal to it, yet there were problems with regard to the efficient operation of the state. Until 1648, the system proved



robust enough, defeating Muscovy, recovering Smolensk and many of the territorial losses of the fifteenth century, fighting the great Gustav Adolf to a standstill in Royal Prussia in the 1620s, and repulsing a major Ottoman onslaught in 1620-21. It raised considerably more money to fight its wars than the English parliament. Yet the system, which depended on the local sejmiks to raise taxes, could not adequately cope with wars fought on its own territory, and, after 1611, the *szlachta* would not support the aggressive wars. While that is no doubt admirable, it meant that Poland-Lithuania could not make others support its armies, as both Gustav Adolf and Peter I did: the Russian army in the Great Northern War was to a substantial degree paid for by the Lithuanians.

Following the abortive campaign for an election *vivente rege* conducted by John Casimir and Louise Marie in the 1660s, and in part due to Fredro's writings, there were many who saw their own monarch as more of a threat to liberty than foreign powers. Jan Leszczyński, Poland's grand chancellor, was being paid a pension by the elector of Brandenburg in the 1660s; he was by no means the only one over the next century to be seduced by the naive idea that the Commonwealth's liberties were better defended by absolute monarchs such as Frederick II of Prussia or Catherine II of Russia.

**TP:** In a talk at the Polish Consulate, you said Poles can be proud of the unions. Why the unions and not martyrdom and the wars?

**RF:** While I certainly would not wish to ignore the terrible sufferings of Poland in the twentieth century, a concentration on war, victimhood and martyrdom obscures what I see as the real core values of the Polish-Lithuanian political system. Popular history concentrates on dramatic and tragic incidents and on warfare.

The history channels on TV show little else. There are enough historians who make a good living writing about people slaughtering each other in Eastern Europe in the twentieth century. I am far more interested in Polish history in an earlier period, when Poland was a very different place in a very different world. The endless recycling of the tragedies of the Second World War fundamentally distorts history, and creates a vision of Poland's past in the popular mind, which is fundamentally distorted. I am a historian who has written on warfare and its impact, but I am concerned that the exaggerated attention directed to war obscures the fact that peace, and the desire for peace was often stronger, and that political compromise, not aggression, was the norm. The border established by the peace of Melno in 1422 between Poland and the Teutonic Knights remained fundamentally stable until 1918; the border between Poland and the Holy Roman Empire was one of the most peaceful in Europe for generations. Yet the endless controversies of parliamentary politics and the dull, detailed negotiations and clauses of peace treaties do not necessarily make for exciting television. So on TV we will continue to see almost every week yet another refighting of the battle of Stalingrad, rather than any program on the remarkable story of the making and sustaining across four centuries of the Polish-Lithuanian union.

**TP:** You are known because of your books, what new can your fans expect?

**RF:** I am currently completing the first volume of a two-volume study of the Polish-Lithuanian Union, from the Krewo Act of 1385 to the Treaty of Vienna of 1815 (the fifth partition), which finally sealed the Commonwealth's fate. I hope that the first volume, from the Krewo Act until the Union of Lublin, will be published by Oxford University Press in early 2014. I am about to sign a contract with Oxford to write a dual biography of John Casimir and Louise Marie Gonzaga, which I shall write after I complete the second volume of the union book. 🍷

# POLISH AND AMERICAN YOUNG PEOPLE “DO” DEMOCRACY

by Teresa G. Wojcik, Ph.D.

This past summer, the Kosciuszko Foundation continued its partnership with the American Councils for International Education by conducting the culminating Community Service Workshop of the US-Poland Youth Leadership Exchange Program in Torun, Poland. Established by U.S. Senator Richard Lugar in 2008 in honor of the 90th anniversary of U.S.-Polish diplomatic relations, the program offers thirty students and six teachers from the US and Poland the opportunity to live, travel, and study in their respective host countries. This year's exchange cities were: Fridley, Minnesota – Lublin; Hanford, California – Krakow; and Monument, Colorado – Wrocław. The workshop was developed and conducted by Dr. Teresa G. Wojcik, a former Fulbright recipient for research in Poland and a professor of education in the Department of Education & Counseling at Villanova University.

The Torun workshop consisted of structured seminar sessions, small-group work, and field trips. To foster reflection on the students' intercultural experiences, they compared and

contrasted aspects of US and Polish society including home life, culture, religion, and transportation. In other sessions, students discussed the rights and responsibilities of citizens in democratic societies, analyzed case studies of community problems, and learned about notable Poles such as Marie Skłodowska-Curie, Janusz Korczak, and Thaddeus Kosciuszko.

The focal point of the workshop was the joint development of civic-centered community service projects to address an unmet need in the Polish host communities. Each group (Monument-Wrocław; Hanford-Krakow; Fridley-Lublin) selected one project and developed an extensive action plan for how it would be realized. Once the teams thoroughly developed their action plans, they made an oral presentation to the entire group in a town hall simulation that included a question-and-answer session. Each team also submitted a letter describing all aspects of its project to a committee of American educators at the Kosciuszko Foundation who reviewed the proposals and determined the distribution of competitive grant

money. These awards from the Kosciuszko Foundation will be utilized to bring the proposals to fruition in the Polish communities.

A summary of each team's proposed project can be found below.

## **MONUMENT, COLORADO – Wrocław: “We Can Do It!... in English”**

The goal of this team's project is to foster greater facility and confidence with conversational English among the students in a local elementary school, many of whom cannot afford additional private language lessons. The members of this team wish to supplement the teaching of grammar in school by providing after-school tutoring that uses games and interaction to focus on spoken English.

## **HANFORD, CALIFORNIA – Krakow: “Help Me to Help”**

Members of this team wish to address a need in their community to facilitate communication between non-government organizations and high school students seeking volunteer opportunities. The team feels that there are many young people interested in volunteerism in Poland; however, there is no organizing structure in place to spread the word about volunteer opportunities. To fill this void, the team proposes the use of existing social media such as Facebook as well as the creation of a blog site dedicated to their project.

## **FRIDLEY, MINNESOTA – Lublin: “P.S. There is More”**

This team seeks to build a partnership with a local orphanage in their city. By organizing charitable collections of clothing and school materials, team members will raise awareness about the orphanage and help meet its material needs. Weekly tutoring sessions in the



*AMERICAN GROUP”- US participants in the workshop meet with the mayor of Torun, Mr. Michal Zaleski.*



*“Gingerbread” – Students enjoyed preparing their own gingerbread cookies!*

English language will be organized and run by the Polish team members. The American team members will become “pen pals” with the residents of the orphanage, thereby allowing the children to practice their English language skills and nurture international friendships.

Visits to historical and cultural sites in Torun complemented the workshop sessions. During their stay in Torun, workshop participants completed a walking tour of the city, visited a planetarium and orbitarium, and took a boat ride on the Wisla River. No trip to Torun would be complete without a tour of the Museum Home of the city’s most famous native, Mikolaj Kopernik and an opportunity to try some famous gingerbread cookies. At the “World of Torun Gingerbread” exhibit in the Copernicus Museum, students learned about the history and method of baking Torun’s famous gingerbread and had an opportunity to make their own gingerbread cookie!

The workshop concluded with brief presentations comparing and contrasting how Independence Day is celebrated in Poland and the United States. Students sang their national anthems along with patriotic hymns and discussed the



*“Presentation” – Students from the Hanford, California – Krakow team present their project in a simulated town hall meeting.*

history and symbols associated with their Independence Day. Lastly, the Polish students led a polonaise, affording the Polish and American students and teachers an opportunity to enjoy an integrated intercultural experience to conclude the workshop.

Through the implementation of the proposed community service projects, the Polish and American students have an opportunity to “do” democracy, that is, to practice the skills and dispositions needed to build civic society and promote the common good. The Kosciuszko Foundation’s involvement with the US-Poland Youth Leadership Exchange Program has provided the Foundation an important opportunity to be engaged in international education and to positively impact the cultivation of democracy in Poland and the United States. Kosciuszko would be proud! 🍪

## TEACHING ENGLISH IN POLAND

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A special thank you to the Ohio and Chicago Chapters, and LOT Polish Airlines for providing funds or in-kind services for shipping educational materials to Poland. Once again, Mr. Al Koproski, Kościuszko Foundation Trustee, provided baseball equipment for the camp in Barlewicki through the Polish National Youth Baseball Foundation.

Thank you to our wonderful Polish hosts who kept us comfortable, safe, and well fed. Pani Krystyna Mikita, Director, and her staff at the Arts Enriched English Language Camp in Załęczce as well as Magda Szmachmytowska, Director, and the staff at the Barlewicki camp were superb.

Finally, thank you to Mr. Alex Storzynski, President and Executive Director of The Kościuszko Foundation, Mr. Joseph Herter, Kościuszko Foundation Representative in Poland, and of course, Mrs. Christine B. Kuskowski, *Teaching English In Poland Program* Director. **We also express loving thanks to Mrs. Anna Utecht for her years of service to the Teaching English in Poland Program. We wish Ania all the best in her retirement.**

In closing, I would like to invite each Kościuszko Foundation Chapter to adopt a camp to help with the recruitment, shipping costs, supplies, and support of the students who volunteer as teaching assistants.

Great News! A new Arts Enriched English Language camp will be added in summer 2013 sponsored by Fundacja Rozwoju Uniwersytetu Gdańskiego.

For more information and applications please visit [www.thekf.org](http://www.thekf.org) click on Programs and then Teaching English in Poland. 🍪

Dr. Mary Kay Pieski  
*Assistant Director*  
*Teaching English in Poland Program*

# EXCHANGE FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS FOR POLISH CITIZENS FOR ADVANCED STUDY/RESEARCH AND/OR TEACHING IN THE UNITED STATES FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2012/13

Every year, during its Semi-Annual Meeting, the Board of Trustees of the Kosciuszko Foundation approves funding for the Exchange Program with Poland for the next academic year. Last April, the Board allocated **\$286,740** for **24** scholars and scientists from Poland as recipients of the Fellowships and Grants for the **2012/2013** academic year. The decision of the Foundation's Board was based on the results of a very careful selection process, including personal interviews, conducted by the members of the U.S. Academic Advisory Committee in the US and Polish Academic Commission in March at the Foundation's Warsaw Office.

The U.S. Academic Advisory Committee is composed of the following members:

**Prof. M.B. Biskupski**, Department of History, Central Connecticut University, New Britain, CT.

**Prof. Janina Brutt-Griffler**, Professor and Associate Dean for Curriculum and Global Initiatives, Director of Polish Studies, University at Buffalo, The State University of New York.

**Marian Kornilowicz, Esq.**, Cohen, Seglias, Pallas, Greenhall & Furman, P.C.

**Dr. Ewa Radwanska, M.D. Ph.D.**, Rush University Medical Center in Chicago.

The work of the US Committee was assisted during the personal interview sessions at the Foundation's office in Warsaw by the members of the Polish Academic Commission which included a number of former Fellows of the Kosciuszko Foundation:

1. **Dr. Maria Brewinska**, Curator, Zacheta National Gallery of Art in Warsaw. **Former Fellow of the Kosciuszko Foundation.**

2. **Prof. Slawomir Jozefowicz**, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Journalism and Political Science, Institute of Political Science,



*L-R: Prof. Janina Brutt – Griffler Professor and Associate Dean for Curriculum and Global Initiatives, Director of Polish Studies, University of Buffalo; Prof. Slawomir Jozefowicz, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Journalism and Political Science, University of Warsaw; Former KF Grantee, Mr. Marian Kornilowicz, Esq., Cohen, Seglias, Pallas, Greenhall and Furman, P.C.; Prof. M.B. Biskupski, Department of History, Central Connecticut State University.*

University of Warsaw.  
**Former Fellow of the Kosciuszko Foundation.**

3. **Dr. Jaroslaw Kusmierczyk**, Assistant Professor of Ophthalmology. **Former Fellow of the Kosciuszko Foundation.**

**Prof. M.B. Biskupski**, Department of History, Central Connecticut University, New Britain, CT, and this year's Head of the US Committee and **Ms. Agata Bieda-Krutysz**, Program Officer/Exchange Program to the US

presided over the personal interviews which were conducted in the English language, thereby evaluating the English proficiency of the candidates. Each interview lasted approximately 30 minutes, including Committee discussions prior to and after each session. Following the interviews, the candidates were ranked in order from the highest to lowest score. The discussions at the end of each interview created a good basis for evaluating the overall excellence and the importance of their research proposals both in their fields of study and to Poland. Careful consideration was given to the choice of the US educational institution selected by the candidates for conducting their research projects. 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, members of the Committees reviewed the files of all candidates beforehand. For the academic year 2012/2013 all applications were reviewed by the New York Office and subsequently prepared and presented for evaluation by the two Committees. Of the **43** applicants who were interviewed **24** were selected for funding.

Agata Bieda-Krutysz  
Program Officer,  
Exchange Program to the United States



## HUMANITIES



**BRZozowski, GRZEGORZ**, Ph.D. candidate in Sociology, University of Warsaw: Three month Grant to conduct research towards his doctoral dissertation entitled: *Performance Sacred: Modern Festivity. Between Ritual and Spectacle* at Yale University with Professor Jeffrey Alexander.



**CAP, PIOTR**, Professor, Department of Linguistics, University of Lodz: Three month Fellowship to conduct research on the evolution of the US- anti-terrorist rhetoric in the last 10 year, from G.W. Bush's announcement of the war-on-terror on the night of the 9/11 attacks, to the present policies of the Obama administration at Boston University with Professor Bruce Fraser.



**CHELSTOWSKA, AGATA**, Ph.D. candidate in Applied Social Sciences, University of Warsaw: Three month Grant to conduct research towards her Ph.D. thesis on *Discipline, resistance, agency: Study of work and trade union activism of female supermarket employees in Poland* at the New School University for Social Research with Professor Elzbieta Matynia.



**CIZEWSKA, ELZBIETA**, Assistant Professor at the Department of History of Ideas and Anthropology of Culture, University of Warsaw: Three month Fellowship to conduct research on social movement theory with special emphasis on the role of culture in creating and directing the dynamics of a social movement at Columbia University with Professor John S. Micgiel.



**DESZCZ-TRYHUBCZAK, JUSTYNA**, Assistant Professor, Department of English Studies, University of Wroclaw: Three month Fellowship to conduct research on utopianism in recent American radical fantasy literature for children and young adults at Rutgers University with Professor Daniel Hart.



**JAWOREK, ANNA**, Archivist, State Archive in Siedlce: Five month Grant to conduct research on "Czeslaw Milosz and his cooperation with PIASA" at the Polish Institute of Arts and Sciences in New York with Professor M.B. Biskupski.



**KOŁODZIEJCZYK, EWA**, Lecturer, Institute of Philology and Pedagogy, Kasimir Pulaski Technical University, Radom: Three month Fellowship to conduct research on the American themes in Czeslaw Milosz's work between 1945 and 1953, when he was a Polish diplomat in Washington, DC, at Columbia University with Professor John Micgiel.



**KREMPEWSKA, KATARZYNA JOANNA**, Ph.D. candidate in Philosophy, Graduate School for Social Research, Polish Academy of Sciences in Warsaw: Three month Grant to conduct research towards her doctoral dissertation entitled: *George Santayana-Thinking Reclaimed* at Vanderbilt University with Professor John Lachs.



**KUJAWINSKA-COURTNEY, KRYSZYNA**, Full Professor, Vice-Dean for Academic and International Affairs, British and Commonwealth Studies Department, University of Lodz: Three month Fellowship to conduct research on Helena Modjeska's career and life in the USA in 1877-1909 against the

background of American politics and culture at Columbia University with Professor William B. Worthen.



**LUCZAK, EWA BARBARA**, Associate Professor, Department of English, University of Warsaw: Three month Fellowship to conduct research on heredity and social engineering in American Literature at Johns Hopkins University with Professor Eric Sundquist.



**LUKASIEWICZ, ALEKSANDRA**, Ph.D. candidate in Clinical Psychology, Polish Institute of Dance Movement Therapy: A supplementary grant to cover living expenses associated with her stay in NY while studying for Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology at Graduate Center, CUNY, NY.



**PUDLOCKI, TOMASZ ARTUR**, Adjunct Professor, Department of History, Jagiellonian University: Three month Fellowship to conduct research on *Roman Dybowski – Polish Ambassador without portfolio to the United States of America and the beginning of the Kosciuszko Foundation* at Columbia University with Professor John Micgiel.



**STANKIEWICZ, PIOTR MIKOLAJ**, Ph.D. candidate in Philosophy, University of Warsaw: Three month Grant to conduct research on the revival of stoic philosophy at Creighton University, Omaha, Nebraska with Professor William Stephens and at Hollins University with Professor Lawrence Becker.



**WISNIEWSKI, MIKOLAJ JAKUB**, Assistant Professor, Institute of English Studies, Warsaw School of Social Sciences and Humanities: Three month Fellowship to conduct research on the unpublished papers of poet James Schuyler at University

of California, San Diego with Professor Michael Davidson.



**ZYCHLINSKA, MONIKA HANNA,** Ph.D. candidate in Sociology, University of Warsaw: Five month

Grant to conduct research towards her Ph.D. thesis on the process of shaping the public image of women veterans of the Vietnam War at The New School for Social Research with Professor Elzbieta Matynia.

## ART



**GUSTOWSKA, IZABELA,** Full Professor, Faculty of Multimedia Communication,

Department of Intermedia, University of Arts, Poznan: Three month Fellowship to conduct research on "Strings of Time, The Case of Josephine Hopper." Her Project will be documented in a film about the life and art of the renowned American painter Edward Hopper. The research and work will be conducted at Tyler School of Art, Temple University with Professor Christian Tomaszewski.



**KENDZIORA, MONIKA,** Ph.D. candidate in Art History, Institute of Art History, Adam Mickiewicz

University, Poznan: Three month Grant to conduct research on contemporary spatial installations at Harvard University with Professor Ewa Lajer-Burcharth.



**KOZERA, KATARZYNA,** Ph.D. candidate in Fine Arts, Department of Animated Film, Photography and Digital Media, Jan Matejko Academy of Fine Arts, Krakow, Poland.

Three month Grant to conduct research towards her doctoral thesis "Society in the State of Danger" at Maryland

Institute College of Arts with Professor Timothy Druckrey



**KRACIK, MICHAL,** Assistant, Department of Industrial Design, Jan Matejko University of Fine Arts, Krakow: Five

month Fellowship to conduct research on preliminary astronaut injury countermeasure and protection suit design at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Department of Aeronautics and Astronautics with Professor Dava Newman.

## POLISH STUDIES



**MAZURKIEWICZ, ANNA ALICJA,** Assistant Professor, Department of History, University of Gdansk:

Ten months to teach in the Polish Studies Program at the State University of New York, Buffalo and to conduct research on the monograph about the Assembly of Captive European Nations with Professor Janina Brutt-Griffler.

**SZTABNICKA, EMILIA PAULINA,** Ph.D. candidate in Linguistics, University of Lodz: Ten months to teach Polish Language and Literature in the Polish Studies Program at Indiana University, Bloomington.

## SCIENCES



**SURMA, MARTYNA JOANNA,** Ph.D. candidate, Faculty of Environmental Engineering and

Geodesy, Institute of Landscape Architecture, Wroclaw University of Environmental and Life Sciences: Three month Grant to conduct research on the "Green Infrastructure Planning as a Part of Sustainable Urban Development. Case Study of New York City" at Columbia University, Department of Civil Engineering and Engineering Mechanics with Professor Patricia Culligan.



**SZMYT, JANUSZ,** Adjunct Professor, Department of Silviculture, Poznan University of Life

Sciences: Three month Fellowship to conduct research on the area of spatial statistics with applications to forestry and natural resource management at Colorado State University with Professor Robin M Reich.



**ZDROJEWSKI, TOMASZ ROMAN,** Associate Professor, Head, Department of Prevention and Didactics

in Department of Hypertension and Diabetology, Medical University of Gdansk: Three month Fellowship to conduct research on the Framingham risk functions to a representative cohort in Easter Europe and compare their performance to the EURO-SCORE algorithms at Boston University, Statistics and Consulting Unit with Professor Ralph B D'Agostino and Professor Michael Pencina.

## CHRISTINE & WALTER KUSKOWSKI

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with Christine in Poland. He often could be found discussing American history, government, education, and culture in Polish with Polish staff members. At camp staff meetings, he would often speak on the history and work of the Kosciuszko Foundation in both Polish and English.

Benefits to the Polish students attending the camps include: practice in English conversation with native speakers of the language; more authentic insights into American life and culture; a better understanding of the American work ethic and business; numerous opportunities to exchange ideas and express opinions; a means to establish new friendships and to correspond in English and a deeper appreciation for elements of their own Polish history and culture.

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## THE KOSCIUSZKO FOUNDATION WELCOMES THE SOPHIE WOJCIECHOWSKI AWARD WINNERS

The Kosciuszko Foundation this summer welcomed two young promising Polish students to New York, both of whom hail from its founder's home town.

Patrycja Sroczyk and Joanna Wrobel, from the town of Rakszawa, Poland attended a six week summer program at Pace University's English Language Institute thanks to the Sophie Wojciechowski Endowment Fund for Gifted Polish Youth.

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

The two successfully completed the program, and also had the opportunity to do some sightseeing, which included the sights and sounds of New York and the tri-state area.

Both returned to Poland after the six week program with an experience of expanded horizons that will influence them for the rest of their lives.

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 hard work resulted in her receiving the Émigré Award for Distinguished Leadership by the Institute for Families and Children at Adelphi University in 1992. It was at the time that the Foundation announced the creation of the Sophie Wojciechowski Scholarships.

## 2012 PROFESSOR MICHAL SMIALOWSKI AWARD

The Kosciuszko Foundation selected Dr. Marek Knor of the Polish Academy of Science to receive the 2012 Professor Michal Smialowski Award, based on his doctoral dissertation in the field of material science dealing with correlation of surface and bulk phenomena in the process of hydride formation in rare-earth metals. The Foundation bestows the Award annually to a Polish citizen for a distinguished publication in the field of Material Science. Professor Susan Smialowska established the Award at the Kosciuszko Foundation 18 years ago, in memory of her late husband, a highly recognized authority in the world of Material Science. Professor Michal Smialowski founded the Institute of Physical Chemistry of the Polish Academy of Science in Warsaw, serving as its Director from 1960-1973. The Foundation selects the award recipient based on the recommendations of the Award's Academic Advisory Committee, composed of several Polish academicians, all experts in the field of Material Science.

The Foundation presents the Award at a ceremony held in its Warsaw office during the annual Exchange Program personal interview sessions held in March. The Kosciuszko Foundation Scholarship Committee presented the winner with a certificate and a Foundation check for \$2,000. Representatives of the Institute of Physical Chemistry, Polish Academy of Science also attended the ceremony.

## CHRISTINE & WALTER KUSKOWSKI *continued*

Participation in the Teaching English in Poland Program is desirable for those American educators who wish to broaden their cultural horizons and to expand their professional development. High school, college and university students, who are at least eighteen years of age, engage in the program to fulfill their dreams of encountering a different culture and meeting new friends in a distant place as well as taking part in a unique and meaningful life experience. The reciprocal nature of this program enables large numbers of Polish and American participants to mutually activate the cultural and educational mission of the Kosciuszko Foundation with positive and unlimited results on both sides of the Atlantic.

The TEIP program acts as a springboard

for people to become more involved in the Kosciuszko Foundation.

"The Teaching English in Poland program was my **first** introduction to the Kosciuszko Foundation. In 1997, I visited the KF headquarters for the first time and met Christine Kuskowski during an orientation session she held for teachers and assistants. Her passion for the project, expert knowledge, and professionalism reassured me and my parents that participating in a TEIP camp in Lomza that summer would be a great experience for my sister and me. What a wonderful and memorable time it was! This past summer, on the 15th anniversary of my first TEIP camp, I served as a teacher at the new camp in Barlewiczki near Kwidzyn. It was such a privilege to work with the Polish youth and to meet some

wonderful teachers from all around the US. I can't wait to go to my next TEIP camp and to encourage others to join me! Thank you, Christine, for keeping this program alive all these years and for giving so many such a positive experience of Poland." Teresa G. Wojcik, Ph.D.

If you happen to meet Christine or Walter Kuskowski they can proudly tell you of many more stories of both Poles and Americans, (me being one of them), who have been positively influenced by the TEIP experience. Their eyes light up and you can feel the sense of a mission accomplished in their voices. Thank you Walter and Christine for your guidance and selfless devotion to the cultural and educational mission of The Kosciuszko Foundation realized in the TEIP. Sto Lat! 🇵🇱

# SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS FOR AMERICANS 2012-2013

This past April, the Kosciuszko Foundation Board of Trustees allocated \$243,950 in scholarships to Americans of Polish descent for fiscal year July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013. Of this amount \$221,000 is awarded as Tuition Scholarships to 67 Americans of Polish descent towards their graduate studies in the United States. An additional \$11,250 is awarded to 8 students through the Polish American Club of North Jersey, the Polish National Alliance of Brooklyn, USA Inc. and the Massachusetts Federation of Polish Women's scholarships. These scholarships support undergraduate students who are affiliated with the Polish American Club of North Jersey, the Polish National Alliance of Brooklyn, USA Inc. and undergraduates who live in Massachusetts.

This year 10 students are attending programs in Poland through the

Kosciuszko Foundation's exchange program with the Polish Ministry of National Education 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. The Polish Ministry provides scholarship recipients with a tuition waiver, dormitory housing and funding for living expenses. In addition, each student receives \$900 per approved semester of additional funding towards living expenses from the Kosciuszko Foundation. Funding allocated for the Year Abroad program amounts to \$9,000.

The Foundation's exchange program is also supporting 1 candidate 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 \$2,700 in additional support for living expenses during the research period.

The grants and scholarships for Americans were made possible through the generosity of many donors who have bequeathed the named scholarship funds which make up the Foundation's endowment. We are pleased to introduce the winners of Kosciuszko Foundation's Domestic Scholarship winners for academic year September 2012 – June 2013.

Addy Tymczyszyn  
Scholarship and Grants Officer  
for Americans

## DOMESTIC TUITION SCHOLARSHIPS 2012-2013

### KAZIMIERA ADRIAN ADRIANOWSKA SCHOLARSHIP



**BURAKOWSKI, LAUREN** of Los Angeles, CA – for fourth year of doctoral studies in Psychology, University of California, Los Angeles, CA. \$1,000

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



**BROZYNA, JOZEF** of Roanoke, VA – for fourth year of studies in Osteopathic Medicine, West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine, Lewisburg, WV. \$5,000



**BURAS, TOMASZ** of Brooklyn, NY – for first year of graduate studies in Political Science, New York University, New York, NY. \$3,000



**CEPAK, JENNIFER** of Morris Plains, NJ – for first year of studies in Nurse Anesthesia, Columbia University, New York, NY. \$6,000



**EISENBAUM, ELAINE** of Austin, TX – for second year of doctoral studies in Social Work, University of Texas, Austin, TX. \$1,000



**JANOWSKI, JOHN** of New Hyde Park, NY – for second year of studies in Medicine, Albert Einstein College of Medicine, Bronx, NY. \$5,000



**KLOSOWIAK, JULIAN** of Glenview, IL – for third year of doctoral studies in Biophysics, Northwestern University, Chicago, IL. \$6,000



**KUSZEWSKI, KARINA** of White Plains, NY – for second year of graduate studies in Psychology, Pace University, Pleasantville, NY. \$4,000

**PEKALA, KAROLINA** of Shrewsbury, MA – for third year of graduate studies in Clinical Psychology, Columbia University Teachers College, New York, NY. \$4,000



**SACIOWSKI, DIANA** of Maspeth, NY – for first year of doctoral studies in Slavic Languages and Literatures, University of Illinois, Champagne-Urbana, IL. \$4,000



**SHULOCK, ADRIAN** of Bainbridge Island, WA – for second year of studies towards a Masters in Business Administration, Western Washington University, Bellingham, WA. \$1,000



**ULATOWSKI, KRISTA** of Seattle, WA – for second year of graduate studies in Public Health, University of Washington, Seattle, WA. \$2,000



**ZAPASNIK, VERONICA** of Ozone Park, NY – for first year of studies towards a Masters in Business Administration, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL. \$6,000

#### **THE MARY B. CALKA FUND**



**BUCZEK, MAGDALENA** of Brooklyn, NY – for third year of graduate studies in School Psychology, St. John's University, Jamaica, NY. \$6,000 (\$3000 from Pope John Paul II Scholarship)



**SZACHNIEWICZ, MAJA** of Sherman Oaks, CA – for second year of graduate studies in Marriage and Family Counseling, California State University, Northridge, CA. \$1,000

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

**KULAWIK, MONIKA** of South Richmond Hill, NY – for third year of graduate studies in Dental Medicine, Tufts University, Boston, MA. \$2,000

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



**GLICKMAN, ERIC** of Annandale, VA – for first year of studies in Law, University of Virginia School of Law, Charlottesville, VA. \$4,000



**NEUMANN, BLAKE** of Gainesville, FL – for second year of studies in Law, University of Florida Levin College of Law, Gainesville, FL. \$2,000



**RABKIN, LINDSAY** of New York, NY – for second year of studies in Art History and Archaeology, Institute of Fine Arts, New York University, New York, NY. \$4,000

#### **SOPHIA GRODZICKA SCHOLARSHIP FUND**



**KIELIAN, AGNIESZKA** of Chicago, IL – for third year of studies in Medicine, University of Illinois, Chicago, IL. \$3,000

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



**BALEWSKI, WERONIKA** of Pittsburgh, PA – first year of graduate studies in Flute Performance, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA. \$4,000

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

**JADWISZCZAK, AGATA** of New York, NY – for second year of studies in English Literature, New York University, New York, NY. \$2,000

#### **VICTORIA KOKERNAK SCHOLARSHIP FUND**



**MEJSKAK, ANNA** of Madison, AL – for fourth year of studies in Medicine, Poznan University of Medical Science, Poznan, Poland. \$2,000

#### **KOSCIUSZKO FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

**SESULKA, MARTHA** of Wallington, NJ – for second year of graduate studies in Physical Therapy, Long Island University, Brooklyn, NY. \$5,000

#### **STAN LESNY SCHOLARSHIP FUND**



**DESAI, ANNA MARIE** of Hayward, CA – for second year of doctoral studies in Comparative Biochemistry-Gene Regulation, University of California, Berkeley, CA. \$2,000



**LASOTA, PRZEMYSLAW** of South Plainfield, NY – for first year of graduate studies in Aeronautical Engineering, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA. \$4,000

**SZENK, MARIOLA** of Staten Island, NY – for first year of studies in Bio-medical Engineering, Stony Brook University, Stony Brook, NY. \$4,000

#### **REV. PAUL J. MISKOWICZ SCHOLARSHIP FUND**



**YELINEK, KRISTINA** of Waynesboro, PA – for first year of graduate studies in Linguistics, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA. \$2,000

#### **THE JOSEPH NOWAK SCHOLARSHIP FUND**



**LUKASZEK, DAGMARA** of Mundelein, IL – for second year of studies in Veterinary Medicine, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, IL. \$2,000

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



**ROBAK, MAGDALENA** of Dix Hills, NY – for first year of studies in Orthopedic Surgery, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD. \$4,000

#### **STELLA PINSKA-KEENE TRUST**

**JASTRZEMBSKI, BENJAMIN** of

Hanover, NH – for third year of studies in Medicine, Harvard University, Boston, MA. \$5,000

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



MA. \$4,000

**CZADERNA, BIANCA** of Woodbury, CT – for first year of graduate studies Art History, Tufts University, Medford,

### **POPE JOHN PAUL II SCHOLARSHIP**



**BUCZEK, MAGDALENA** of Brooklyn, NY – Please see Calka Fund.

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



\$1,000

**JEDNAC, PAULINA** of Brooklyn, NY – for first year of graduate studies in Childhood Education, City University of New York, Hunter College, New York, NY.



CT. \$2,000

**KRAJEWSKA, ANNA** of Enfield, CT – for first year of graduate studies in Education, University of Connecticut, Storrs,

**NIEDERMYER, WALTER** of Salem, OR – for second year of doctoral studies in Educational Foundations and Leadership, George Fox University, Newberg, OR. \$1,000



NY. \$3,000

**ZAK-MOSKAL, AGNIESZKA** of Williamsville, NY – for third year of doctoral studies in Educational

### **THE ARTHUR AND HALINA RODZINSKI ORCHESTRAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

**MILEWSKI, WOJCIEH** of Oswego, NY – for first year of studies in

Orchestral Conducting, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM. \$3,000

### **MICHALINA, KAZIMIERZ, JOZEF AND HENRY W. ROKICKI SCHOLARSHIP**



MI. \$4,000

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## THE YEAR ABROAD PROGRAM IN POLAND 2012/2013

**BARTSHE, LAUREN** of Columbia, MO – B.A. in German, Hendrix College, Conway, AR. M.A. in German, University of Missouri, Columbia, MO.

**BELZA, ANNA** of New Britain, CT – B.A. in Classics, Sweet Briar College, Sweet Briar, VA.

**BUSTAMANTE, ANDRES** of Eldersburg, MD – B.A. in Economics, University of Maryland, College Park, MD.

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**DEPTULA, JAKUB** of Haskell, NJ – Undergraduate junior majoring in Media Studies and History, Catholic University of America, Washington, DC

**JIMENEZ, NATIVIDAD** of Brownsville, TX – B.A. in Spanish Translation and French, University of Texas at Brownsville and Texas Southmost College, Brownsville, TX.

**KLINE, KENNETH** of Pellston, MI – B.A. in Liberal Arts, North Central Michigan College, Petoskey, MI.

**MARKS, PAMELA** of Westfield, NJ – B.A. in Psychology, Wagner College, Staten Island, NY.

**OPATKEN-RINGDAL, CECELIA** of Westchester, OH – B.A. in English Literature & Cultural Studies, University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, OH.

**TOETSCHINGER, JAMES** of St. Paul, MN – B.A. in Cultural Studies & Comparative Literature and Cinema and Media Culture, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN. M.A. in Mass Communication, St. Cloud State University, St. Cloud, MN.

## GRADUATE/POSTGRADUATE STUDIES AND RESEARCH IN POLAND 2012/2013



**FARINAS, REBECCA** of Carbondale, IL. Ph.D. candidate in Philosophy, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, IL. To conduct research on the philosophy of the art of Danto and the philosophy of culture of Bourdieu by a phenomenological method to determine how Polish culture has been influenced by American pop culture. Research will be conducted with Dr. Jakub Kloc-Kondolowicz at the Institute of Philosophy, Warsaw, University, Warsaw, Poland. \$2,700



## POLISH CULTURE, HISTORY AND TRADITIONS... for children

The Kosciuszko Foundation in conjunction with the Polish American Teachers Association offers special programs for children.

All programs are bilingual. They will surely please both children and parents, fostering Polish cultural knowledge and appreciation here in United States.



Past programs included visits with Święty Mikołaj (Santa), theatre presentations and traditional Polish folk dancing workshops.

We hope you enjoy some of the photographs taken during our past programs. We are looking forward to seeing your children and grandchildren on December 1st, when Święty Mikołaj / Santa is visiting the Foundation.





## PHILADELPHIA CHAPTER

The Philadelphia Chapter hosted two events commemorating the **100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Maria Skłodowska Curie's Nobel Prize in Chemistry**. First, we partnered with the Polish Embassy in Washington, DC, to bring a photographic exhibit of her life to Philadelphia. For three weeks, the multi-panel exhibit was on display in a prominent location at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania. Second, on Friday evening, December 2, 2011 the Chapter hosted a formal tribute program honoring Madame Skłodowska Curie. The program featured comments from R. Nick Bryan, MD, Ph.D., Chairperson of the Dept. of Radiology at the University of Pennsylvania Perelman School of Medicine; a brief talk by Michal Meyer, Ph.D., of the Chemical Heritage Society; and a lecture by guest speaker and Chapter member, Maria Werner-Wasik, MD, Professor of Radiation Oncologist at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital. Guests also viewed a documentary film about Madame Skłodowska-Curie's life and impact on science and medicine. Wine and a sampling of Polish foods complemented the event.

On Sunday, December 18, 2011, the Chapter held its **Annual Polish Christmas Celebration** in Radnor, PA. Guests enjoyed a buffet of Polish cuisine, Christmas caroling, sharing of the *opłatek* wafer, and a raffle of Christmas baskets. The highlight of the evening was a wonderful concert by Polish mezzo soprano Marta Wryk, who was accompanied on the piano by Mun Tzung-Wong.

Three individuals from the Philadelphia Chapter area participated in the **Teaching English in Poland Program** in July, 2012. Ms. Regina Hoffman of Philadelphia served as a teacher



*The Chapter honored Maria Skłodowska Curie in a special tribute ceremony.*



*Singing kolędy is a much-loved aspect of the Philadelphia Chapter's Annual Polish Christmas Celebration.*



*The Pulaski Day Parade in Philadelphia featured Frances E. Wyszynski Memorial Scholarship winner Alicja Zalewski (left) and Tomaszkievicz-Florio Scholarship winner Rachel Glogowski (right).*



*Past participants in the Teaching English in Poland Program reunited at an information session in Philadelphia: Dr. Mary Kay Pieski, Regina Hoffman, Dr. Teresa G. Wojcik, Jonathan Dick, Julia Wojcik, and Jim Mathesz.*

at the camp at Nadwarcziański Gród in Wieluń. Chapter President Teresa G. Wojcik served as a teacher at the camp in Barlewiczki (near Kwidzyn). Ms. Lauren Para, a student from Wilkes-Barre, PA, also volunteered at the Barlewiczki camp and worked as a teaching assistant.

The Chapter continued its annual tradition of participation in the **Philadelphia Pulaski Day Parade**, which was held this year on Sunday, October 14. Mr. Raymond Wyszynski sponsored a white convertible to feature the two scholarship winners from our Chapter: Frances E. Wyszynski Memorial Scholarship winner Alicja Zalewska, and Tomaszkievicz-Florio Scholarship winner Rachel Glogowski.

On Friday evening, November 2, 2012, the Chapter was pleased to host **Dr. Mary Kay Pieski**, who made a multimedia presentation on the Teaching English in Poland Program at Holy Family University. Previous participants in the program shared insights about their experiences. The session also included information about the Summer Study programs in Krakow and Lublin.

On November 9, 2012, the Chapter co-sponsored the **Annual Polish Poetry Reading** of the Overbrook Poets Society at the Polish American Cultural Center in Philadelphia. This year's reading celebrated the works of Cyprian Kamil Norwid. Norwid's works were read aloud in both their original Polish as well as in English translation. Founding Chapter member Romuald Roman read the texts in Polish.

– Ms. Teresa Wojcik, Ph.D.,  
KF Philadelphia Chapter President

# CHICAGO CHAPTER

## *Busy as Always*

Summer and Fall of 2012 was a busy period for the Chicago Chapter. The Chapter organized a Music and Poetry afternoon with Krzysztof Zimowski, violin, Concert Master of the New Mexico Philharmonic and Joanna Radwanska, poet and linguist, Macao Polytechnic Institute. The event took place at the residency of Dr. Kornelia Krol in Winnetka, IL on July 14. The afternoon performance featured music by Szymanowski and poetry reading.



*Two of this year's debutantes at the Kosciuszko Foundation's Ball were from the Chicago area: Marysia Szpindor Watson on the left and Alexandra Kurzydlowski with their families and Alex Storozynski.*

In cooperation with the Consulate General of the Republic of Poland in Chicago the Chapter organized an exhibition by the Polish Institute of National Remembrance “*The Righteous Among the Nations – Polish Help for the Jewish Population in the South-Eastern Part of Poland in the years 1939-1945*” at the Northeastern University. The Opening of the exhibit took place on July 25<sup>th</sup> and was displayed until August 3<sup>rd</sup>.

The Chapter was also a strong supporter of the Arts Enrichment English Camp of the Kosciuszko Foundation's Teaching English in Poland program in Załęczce Wielke.

In August, representatives of the Chapter met several times with visiting scholars from Warsaw School of Economics, Poland to discuss exchange programs between Polish and American educational institutions. Also, that same month, they organized a special Anniversary Year program honoring Bruno Schultz (120<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary and 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of a tragic death). The program featured a presentation by Dr. Agnieszka Janiak, Donloslaska Szkoła Wyższa, Wrocław, Poland, entitled “*Brunona Schulza rzeczy piękne – życie i twórczość.*” The event took place at Polonia Bookstore in Chicago on August 18.

In September the Chapter attended the Chicago premiere of “33 Variations” at the TimeLine Theater, a highly –acclaimed play and production with a featured pianist, Igor Lipinski, a KF scholarship recipient for his study in the Ph.D. music program at Northwestern University.

In October the Chapter delegation participated in a ribbon cutting ceremony for the exhibit “Forbidden Art”, which took place on Thursday, October 4 at Northeastern Illinois University. Organized by NEIU Office of International Programs, “Forbidden Art” is an exhibit of photographs from the UNESCO-listed Auschwitz-Birkenau Museum. The collection of artwork was created by prisoners of the infamous Auschwitz and Birkenau concentration camps

during World War II. The exhibit was on display Oct. 1 through Oct. 20. It was accompanied by a Panel Discussion on Auschwitz-Birkenau, Art Therapy Workshop, and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual “Art in Response to Violence” Conference.

That same month the traditional *Kosciuszko Imieniny* were organized in cooperation with the Department of World Languages and Cultures at Northeastern Illinois University in Chicago on October 23. The Chapter honored Dr. Anna Szpindor for her recent contributions to the Kosciuszko

Foundation and her leadership and dedication to Chicago's Polish Community. The program included guest speaker Mr. Tom Rusnak of *The Kosciuszko Foundation Art Enrichment English Camp in Poland* and a piano performance by Igor Lipinski.

Chicago Chapter supported the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Polish – American Heritage Celebration that was organized by the Council of Educators in Polonia in cooperation with Northeastern Illinois University (NEIU). The event took place on October 26 at NEIU. This year's event was dedicated to Jan Karski: *How One Man Tried to Stop the Holocaust* and featured guest speaker Ewa Wierzyńska, an advisor to the director of the Polish History Museum in Warsaw.

The Chapter organized a visit of KF Scholar, Dr. Tomasz Pudlocki, a historian from Jagiellonian University, Krakow, Poland, this year's KF Grantee and Columbia University



*L-R: Dr. Tomasz Pudlocki, historian from Jagiellonian University, Krakow, Poland and this year's KF Grantee and Columbia University visiting scholar; Prof. Lidia Filus; Prof. Ewa Radwanska and Dr. Anna Kordylewska.*

visiting scholar in November. The program included a visit to the University of Chicago Library Archives, Polish Museum of America, Northeastern Illinois University, meeting with the Chicago Chapter KF and Chicago Society, and lecture “Emergence of modern nations in 19<sup>th</sup> century Central Europe” at the University of Chicago.

– Prof. Lidia Filus, *KF Chicago Chapter President*

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## GIVING TO THE KOSCIUSZKO FOUNDATION: HOW TO FULFILL YOUR WISHES THROUGH A CHARITABLE BEQUEST

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### Here are ways you can support the Kosciuszko Foundation through your will:

A **specific bequest** is a gift of a specific dollar amount or a particular piece of property. For example, “I bequeath [dollar amount or description of property] to The Kosciuszko Foundation, Inc.”

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Perhaps the most effective asset to bequeath is the **reminder of your retirement plans**, such as pension funds or IRAs. When left to someone other than your spouse, they can be subject to income and estate taxes – both of which combined could erode over 80% of the remaining benefits! If bequeathed to the Foundation, these funds would escape both income and estate taxes, and reduce your taxable estate.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS



**Sunday, December 9, 2012, 3:00 PM**

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### HOLIDAY CONCERT

Our holiday concert features the Slavic Arts Ensemble in a colorful and spirit filled program of music by M. Mielczewski, A. Corelli, H. Wieniawski, I. J. Paderewski, E. Grieg, and W. Legawiec.



**Friday, January 4, 2013, 7:00 PM**

### IN THE NAME OF POLISH-AMERICAN FRIENDSHIP: STEPHEN MIZWA, ROMAN DYBOSKI AND THE KOSCIUSZKO FOUNDATION.

Dr. Tomasz Pudlocki will present a short lecture on the role which the KF played in the promotion of Polish culture in the USA; and American culture in Poland, before 1945. He will also speak about the intellectuals who were liaisons between the "old" and the "new" world. Finally, we will find out why Roman Dyboski, an English philologist from the Jagiellonian University, was so important in the process of overcoming internal dissension and bringing Polonia together.



**Thursday, January 10, 2013, 7:00 PM**

Screening of **BLINKY & ME**, an awarded documentary by Tomasz Magierski



**Friday, January 25, 2013, 7:00 pm**

Author's evening with **ANDREW NAGORSKI**  
Author of "Hitlerland"

"What Andrew Nagorski (formerly a *Newsweek* correspondent) has done in this highly readable history built around the experience of Americans in Germany from the end of the First World War to the beginning of the Second, is to make Hitler at once as human and as monstrous as he was to the reporters, diplomats, businessmen, sycophants, and soldiers from the United States who met him." (*Newsweek*) Books in English and in Polish will be available for sale.



**Sunday, February 24, 2013, \$20/ \$15 KF Members and students**

### MARIUSZ ADAMCZAK, PIANO

*Music by Chopin on the anniversary of Chopin's birthday.*



**Sunday, March 3, 3:00 pm \$20/ \$15 KF Members and students**

### MAGDALENA BACZEWSKA, PIANO

Magdalena Baczewska will present a program featuring works of Chopin, Szymanowski, and Kapustin.

*Events are subject to change: Call the KF to confirm and get details. All presentations at the KF House.*

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