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#### **Special points of interest:**

- Mark your calendar for the PAHA Annual Meeting held in conjunction with the American Historical Association Annual Meeting, January 6-9, 2005 in Seattle, Washington.
- Consider naming the Polish American Historical Association in your will. By doing so, you will ensure the study of Polish American history for years to come! Consult your attorney or tax professional for more information.
- Don't forget to pay your 2004 and 2005 dues. Next to your name on your mailing label is a year which refers to the last year which your PAHA dues have been paid. Please do not forget to renew your membership for the coming year.

## Weiser Addresses 150 Years of Polonia Conference



On a sweltering evening, *New York Times* Reporter Ben Weiser autographs a copy of *A Secret Life* for an unidentified attendee at the 150 Years of Polonia in North America Conference (Leahy Photo) New York Times Reporter Benjamin Weiser kicked off the "150 Years of Polonia in North America Conference," a joint conference of the S. A. Blejwas Endowed Chair in Polish Studies at Central Connecticut State University and the Polish American Historical Association cosponsored by The Piast Foundation and the Institute for Polish Diaspora and Ethnic Studies, Jagiellonian University.

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On June 18, 2004, Weiser presented the life of Colonel Ryszard J. Kuklinski, a member of the General Staff of the Polish Armed Forces and one of the Central Intelligence Agency's highest placed spies in the East Bloc during the Cold War. Based on unprecedented access to Kuklinski and CIA sources,

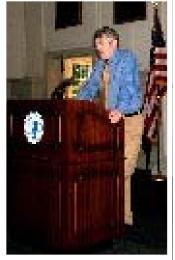
Weiser's book, A Secret Life: The Polish Officer, His Covert Mission, and the Price He Paid to Save His Country, details Kuklinski's motivations for approaching the CIA and how he did it. Beyond just the story of a prized CIA source, Weiser outlines the "tradecraft" (operating procedures in hostile territory) used by the CIA. He concludes with a discussion of the aftermath of Kuklinski's actions and how they affected Polish-American diplomatic relations after the fall of Communism. After his presentation, Weiser answered questions about the nature of patriotism.

Weiser's work received laudatory reviews from *Newsweek, Times Literary Supplement, The Wall Street Journal,* and *The Washington Post.* The continuation of that debate over what it means to be a patriot can be seen in the divided amazon.com reader reviews from America and Poland. As of this writing, the book ranks eighth on the web site's ranking of most popular books in Poland. In a fitting continuation to this debate, Bertelsmann will publish Weiser's book in the Polish language.



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## 150th Anniversary Conference



M. B. Biskupski of Central Connecticut State University and the Polish American Historical Association welcomes conference attendees. (Leahy photo) On July 19, S. A. Blejwas Endowed Chair in Polish Studies at Central Connecticut State and the Polish American Historical Association held a Conference Celebrating "One Hundred & Fifty Years of Polonia in North America." The Piast Foundation and the Institute for Polish Diaspora and Ethnic Studies of Jagiellonian University (Krakow, Poland) co-sponsored the event. The New Britain, Connecticut conference featured four panels of the leading Polish and Polish American scholars of North America

While panelists conceded that many locations claim the title of first Polish settlement in America, the panels presented a vibrant view of America's Polonia. The first panel featured presentations by John Radzilowski and Thaddeus Radzilowski of the Piast Foundation presenting on early Polish communities. Dorota Praszalowicz of Jagiellonian University explained how Poles interacted with other ethnic groups in New York City. During the first and second panels, a spirited dis-

cussion broke out over the role of America's Polonia in the formation of the Polish Second Republic. M. B. Biskupski of Central Connecticut State University and Adam Walaszek of Jagiellonian University debated the role of America's Polonia in the founding of the Second Polish Republic.

The panelists also discussed the role of Polish American workers adjusting to America. Grzegorz Babinski of the Institute for Polish Diaspora and Ethnic Studies, Jagiellonian University discussed the social mobility of Polonians in American Society. Dominic Pacyga of Columbia College talked about assimilation and economic mobility of Polish workers in Chicago.

Four presentations dealt with immigration and exiles. James S. Pula of Purdue University-North Central Campus explained how immigration restrictions limited the growth of Polonia. Anna D. Jaroszynska-Kirchmann of Eastern Connecticut State University described the activities of Polish exiles during and after World War II. Darius Stola of the Institute for Political Studies, Polish Academy of Sciences and Collegium Civitas, Warsaw explained how the immigration policies represented the linchpin of Communist control over Poland. Finally, Mary Erdmans of Central Connecticut State University and Marcin Starnawski of Wroclaw University examined Polish immigration to America since 1965 from the Polish and American perspective.

The conference ended with Ann Hetzel Gunkel of Columbia College calling for a new direction in Polish cultural studies. She noted that recipes often represented the only primary sources in some Polish American families. A concert of Polish and classic songs ended the event.

## 150th Anniversary Conference



Dorota Praszalowicz of Jagiellonian University presents her paper on the relationship of Polish Americans with other ethnic groups in New York City. (Leahy photo)



Dominic Pacyga of Columbia College discusses assimilation and economic mobility among Polish Americans in Chicago. (Leahy photo)



Nonimmigrants from Poland admitted as temporary workers, exchange visitors, and intercompany transfers, 1989-1999

Year	Number	Year	Number
1989	2,365	1994	3,956
1990	2,730	1995	3,741
1991	2,942	1996	4,150
1992	3,920	1998	6,555
1993	3,979	1999	4,922

Note: No data are available for 1997. Source: Statistical Yearbook of the INS.

Ann Hetzel Gunkel of Columbia College describes the importance of food in cultural studies. (Leahy Photo)



Opening banquet photo



Directors of the Polish American Historical Association met in the Walt Whitman Room of the Elihu Burritt Library at Central Connecticut State University in New Britain, Connecticut, The Board focused on rewriting its bylaws to make them conform to current practice. Also, the Board clarified the policies on succession.

On June 20, the Board of

Library Display on Connecticut Polish American History at the Elihu Burritt Library, Central Connecticut State University, New Britain, Connecticut (Leahy Photo)

#### PAHA at CCSU

As reported in the last edition of the PAHA Newsletter, the Polish American Historical Association accepted an offer from Central Connecticut State University to move its headquarters to New Britain, Connecticut. PAHA accepted this offer in part because CCSU offered bilingual employees to assist PAHA. While the movement of documents is still taking place, Magdalena Jacques and Anna Karpiej will be working on PAHA-related activities. Magdalena and Anna have written brief biographies for the benefit of readership.

My name is Magdalena Jacques and I am an administrator for Polish Studies Program as well as PAHA. I am a graduate of Central Connecticut State University and have been working for the university for 8 years. I was born in Gliwice, Poland and immigrated to the United States 17 years ago with my family. Working for Polish Studies as well as PAHA has been a remarkable experience.

My name is Anna Karpiej and I am the PAHA Administrative Assistant. As the Administrative Assistant I take care of the daily functions that keep the PAHA office running smoothly. I was born in Dombrowa Bialostocka, Poland and immigrated to the United Stated 12 years ago with my family. Currently I attend Central Connecticut University majoring in U.S. and Polish history as well as Secondary Education. I am very excited about working for PAHA.

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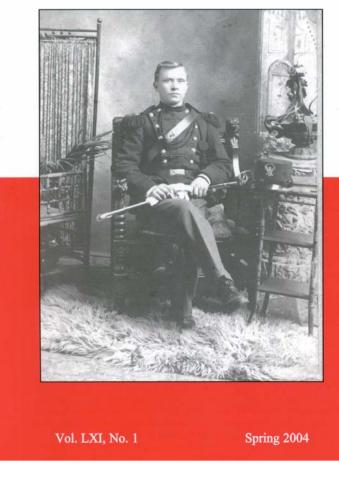
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## PAHA Midyear Conference

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## New Polish American Studies Format

## **Polish American Studies**



Published for more than sixty consecutive years, *Polish American Studies* is one of the oldest journals devoted to the study of American ethnicity in existence. Long recognized by scholars as a place to both publish and obtain information and interpretations of the Polish experience in American, *Studies* is subscribed to by hundreds of scholars and university libraries throughout North America and Europe, as well as readers interested in the history and culture of their own family and ethnic experience.

In an effort to make Studies more attractive and readable, the Editorial Board discussed various options for change over the past two years. Beginning with the spring 2004 issue, our journal adopted a new look with a revised cover featuring a glossy format, a large front cover illustration that will change with each issue, and a listing of the contents and publisher information on the back cover. These changes were accommodated within the traditional red and white cover design that has distinguished Polish American Studies since the last format transformation under the leadership of the late editor Frank Renkiewicz in the early 1970s.

Within the covers, *Studies* has adapted to the new electronic publishing technology in the hopes of bringing read-

ers more clarity in its illustrations, a cleaner printing for better readability, and some small changes in formatting to make the issues more consistent in style and layout with each other. We have also switched from the traditional "Times" typeface to the more standard "Times New Roman," a very slight change that we hope enhances the clarity of the printed fonts. Additionally, we have moved from the standard white paper for the text to a "natural" off-white color that is easier on the eyes and should further enhance readability.

As always, the Editorial Board appreciates the comments of our readers and pledges to continue to produce a quality product in both content and design, a product in which our members can take pride and in which scholars and the general public can find interesting and accurate information on the Polish experience in the Americas.

## PAHA 2005 Meeting Program

On January 7-8, Seattle, Washington will host the Polish American Historical Association Annual Meeting, 2005. All sessions in meetings will take place at the Washington State Convention Center, 800 Convention Place, Seattle, Washington. The program will be as follows:

#### Friday, January 7

#### 9:00-11:00 Executive Committee and Council Meeting , Room 208 11:00-12:00 Annual business meeting, Room 208

#### 2:30-4:30 Session: Polish Woman: Memories and Realities, Room 213

Chair: Eugenia Pawlik Zeitlin, Los Angeles Public Library

"Reluctant Heroines of the Solidarity Revolution, "Shana Penn, Mills College Women's Leadership Institute, "Fourth-Generation Polish American Women: Gendered Ethnicity and Kinship Formation" Mary Patrice Erdmans Central Connecticut State University,

"Days After Death, from Daughter of Polonia," Eugenia Pawlik Zeitlin, Los Angeles Public Library, "Romance and Reality of the Experience of an Educational Agent for *Ameryka-Echo*" Anna Jaroszynska-Kirchmann, Eastern Connecticut State University Discussant: Audience

#### Saturday, January 8

#### 9:30-11:30: Session: Polonian Presentation of Self, Room 302

Chair: Ann Hetzel Gunkel, Columbia College

"The New Ethnic Neighborhood: Polka Festival as Imagined Community," Ann Hetzel Gunkel, Columbia College

"Changing Brooklyn Polonia," Jerome Krase, Brooklyn College

"Blood, Coal, and Newsprint: Polish-American Identity and Labor Strife in the Pennsylvania Anthracite Region, 1897-1902," Joseph P. McKerns, Ohio State University

Discussant: Audience

#### 2:30-4:30 Session: Polonian Relations with Non-Polonians, Room 302

Chair: Neal Pease, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

"A Call to Prayer in Hamtramck," Karen Majewski, Orchard Lake Schools

"Using Geographical Information Systems to Examine the Attitude toward Open Housing in Milwaukee, 1966 to 1970," Stephen M. Leahy, University of Wisconsin-Fox Valley

"American Outlook on Two Attempts to Establish Democracy in Poland in 1947 and 1989/90," Anna Mazurkiewicz, University of Gdansk

"The Great Cemetery War: The Bishop of Syracuse vs. the Societies of St. Stanislaus and St. Casimer," James Pula, Purdue University North Central Discussant: Audience

## Awards Banquet, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Location To Be Announced. Speaker, Tom Podl, "Colors of Identity"

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## **Recent Books**



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#### Mary Patrice Erdmans

Cover of *The Grasinki Girls* by Mary Patrice Erdmans. PAHA supported the publication of this work from the Ohio University Press's Series on Polish and Polish-American Studies. Image courtesy of the Ohio University Press. Erdmans, Mary Patrice. *Grasinski Girls: The Choices They Had and the Choices They Made*. Ohio University Press, 2004. Hardcover. ISBN: 0821415816. 352 pages. \$49.95. Papeback. ISBN: 0821415824. 352 pages. \$24.95.

Granacki, Victoria. *Chicago's Polish Downtown*. Arcadia Publishing, 2004. Paperback. ISBN 073853286X. 128 pages. \$19.99.

Greene, Victor. A Singing Ambivalence: American Immigrants Between Old World and New. Kent State University Press. Hardcover. ISBN 0873387945. 215 pages. \$39.00.

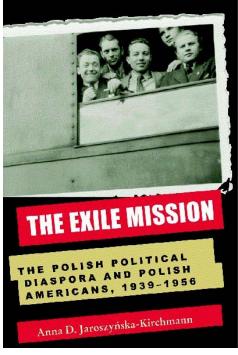
Ives, David., et al. Polish Joke and Other Plays: Polish Joke, Don Juan in Chicago, Ancient History, the Red Address. Grove Press, 2004. Paperback. ISBN: 0802141307. 240 pages. \$14.50.

Jaroszyska-Kirchmann, Anna D. The Exile Mission: The Polish Political Diaspora and Polish-Americans, 1939-1956. Ohio University Press, 2004. Hardcover. ISBN: 0821415263. 368 pages. \$35.00.

Newmkovich, Robert M. Journeying Together in Christ: The Journey Continues; The Report of the Polish National Catholic Roman Catholic Dialogue 1989-2002. Our Sunday Visitor, 2004. Paperback. ISBN 1592760384. 123 pages. \$5.95.

Sawka, Hanka., and, Sawka, Hanka Maria. *At Hanka's Table*. Lake Isle Press Inc., 2004. Hardcover. ISBN: 1891105094. 280 pages. \$21.95.

Shea, Suzanne Strempek. Shelf Life: Romance, Mystery, Drama, and Other Page-Turning Adventures from a Year in a Bookstore. Hardcover. ISBN 0807072583. 223 pages. \$14.00.



Cover of *The Exile Mission* by Anna D. Jaroszynska-Kirchmann. This is another book in the Ohio Press Polish and Polish American Series. Image courtesy of the Ohio University Press.

## Points of Interest in Seattle

While not known as a center of Polish settlement, Seattle has a vibrant Polish American community. The Polish American community centers around the Polish Home Association. Established in 1919, the Polish Home Association functioned as a center for Polish activities in the city. The institution's Polish school offers children's courses in Polish language, history, geography, and music. The organization also houses the Seattle-Gdynia Sister City Committee, the University of Washington Polish Studies Fund, Radio Wisla, and a Veteran's Organization. For more information on the Polish Home Association, logon to www.polishhome.org.



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## American Historical Association Annual Meeting

The American Historical Association will hold its 119th Annual Meeting in Seattle, Washington on January 6-9, 2005. This meeting will run concurrently with the PAHA annual meeting.

The AHA offers travel discounts through the following travel partner who can be accessed at: http://www.atcmeetings.com/aha/ Or at the AHA web site: www.historians.org.

#### Accommodations

Housing for the AHA Annual Meeting is open from **September 9 through December 6, 2004**. The AHA has reserved substantial blocks of rooms at ten downtown hotels, all within four blocks of the Convention Center, 800 Convention Way: the Sheraton Seattle (headquarters), the Westin Seattle (co-headquarters), the Crowne Plaza Seattle, the Grand Hyatt Seattle, the Hilton Seattle, the Red Lion Hotel on Fifth Avenue, the Renaissance Seattle, the Roosevelt, the Warwick Seattle, and the W Seattle. Rates range from \$99 to \$109 single and from \$99 to \$129 double (plus 15.6 percent per room, per night taxes). Visit www.historians.org.



Program Cover, American Historical Association's 119th Annual Meeting, Seattle, Washington, 2005.

#### Obituaries

Victor Byckiewicz, Titusville, FL

Alfred Bochenek, Washington, DC.

Adolf Falkowski, East Hampton, NY

Frank Grzesiak, Saginaw, MI.

Edward J. Piszek died in 2004 at the age of 87. The co-founder of the Mrs. Paul's frozen fish empire formed the company in 1946. He sold the company in 1982 for \$100 million. He fought tuberculosis in Poland and anti-Polish jokes in America. He later founded the Copernicus Society of America and the Peace Corps Partners in Teaching English. He also donated 10 million pounds of food during Poland's food shortages in the early 1980 and helped airlift food to Ukraine after the Chernobyl nuclear plant explosion in 1986. In 1992, he received the Rotary International Award for World Understanding and Peace. He received the Commodore's Cross of the Order of Polonia Restituta.

Robert Pula, Sykesville, MD

Stanislawa (Stasia) Jezowska Skalny of Rochester, NY died on April 13, 2004. Born in Poland on December 25, 1926, Stasia immigrated to America along with her family in 1938. Settling in Rochester, she attended Syracuse University. Stasia married Bernard Skalny in 1951 and upon his deathy, she served in his place on the board of directors of the Louis Skalny Foundation. She helped to create the Skalny Center for Polish and Central European Studies at the University of Rochester and assisted the programs of the Krakow Rochester Sister Cities Committee and the Polish Heritage Society of Rochester. She supported the Skalny Foundation's funding of the national Louis and Nellie Skalny Scholarships with the American Council for Polish Culture and publication of the Polish American Historical Association's Polish American

Studies. Mrs. Skalny received the distinguished Cavalier Cross of Merit from the Republic of Poland, the Distinguished Service Award from the Polish American Historical Association, and awards from the University of Rochester and the Jagiellonian University in Krakow, Poland.

### Opportunities

The Collegium Civitas of Warsaw, Poland, invites applications for studies in English in its B.A. and M.A. Programs. The Collegium Civitas is a highly selective school specializing in the Social Sciences. For more information, logon to www.collegium.edu.pl.

Immigration and Ethnic History Society solicits applications from Ph.D. candidates for the George E. Pozzetta Award, providing for \$375 for dissertation expenses of a thesis which focuses on American ethnic history. Deadline December 15, 2004. For more information, contact: Barbara M. Posadas: bposadas@niu.edu.

The Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission invites applications for its Scholars in Residence Program. The program supports fulltime research in its collections. Deadline: January 14, 2005. For more information, logon to www.phmc.state.pa.us or email: Ishopes@state.pa.us.

Would you like to promote your event or book in the *PAHA Newsletter*? Would you like to memorialize a recently passed away member? Do you have a picture of a social event or a monument recently erected to honor a Polish American person or group?

Email a .gif, .jpg, or other image to Stephen M. Leahy at sleahy@uwc.edu. The PAHA Newsletter will publish these items on a space available basis. If the item is copyrighted, please secure permission.

# Did You Know?

The PAHA website had over 9000 visitors over the last year.

The PAHA web site averages over **200 hits** a day.

Find out what other people already know! If you are doing research on Polonia or if you want to know what other Polish and Polish American groups are doing:

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and click on the PAHA Links/Katalog Stron button.

#### Now Available

Polish Political Émigrés in the United States of America, 1831-1864 by Florian Stasik, translated by Eugen Podraza, edited with an introduction by James S. Pula. Boulder: Easter European Monographs, 2002. Distributed by Columbia University Press. To order, send a check or money order for \$20, payable to the Polish American Historical Association to: Dr. Karen Majewski, Central Connecticut State University, New Britain, CT 06050

## The Polish Review

*The Polish Review* is interested in printing topical issues or sections of issues. Among topics suggested are:

- Polish film (including current film, women in Polish film, Polish literature in film, Polish war film, etc.
- Polish folklore (myths, customs, "new folklore," etc.
- American views of Poland (in literature, the press, textbooks, etc.)
- Today's ethnic groups in Poland (survey or on individual groups)
- Contemporary arts in Poland
- Contemporary Polish music

Articles must be of scholarly quality and submitted in packages (three or more articles per package suggested) to: Editor, *The Polish Review*, 208 E. 30<sup>th</sup> St., New York, NY, 10016

## The Sarmatian Review

An academic tri-quarterly conceived by a group of American Polish scholars concerned about a dearth of Polish academic publications. Its goal is to help develop a scholarly discourse on Poland and Central Europe in the United States, and to help bring Americans of Polish descent closer to the mainstream of American cultural life. The journal specializes publishing documentary materials in English translation. Its electronic version, Sarmatian Review Online is distributed Rice University (www.ruf.rice.edu/ by ~sarmatia). Our contents are a creative mix of annotated data, scholarly articles, literary texts, and more.

Sarmatian Review is over twenty years old. Libraries from Harvard to Stanford subscribe to it. Some recent indicators of Sarmatian Review's international readership include an article in Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung (23 Feb. 2002) discussing the January 2002 issue, and an article by George Z. Gasyna in Halina Stephan, editor, *šycie w przekladzie* (Kraków: Wyd. Literackie, 2001), designating SR as an "important title" and quoting from its foundational web issue.

Subscription price in 2004: \$15/year for individuals; \$21/year for libraries; OversesasL \$21 individuals; \$27 libraries (air mail)

The Sarmatian Review P.O. Box 79119, Houston, TX 77279-9119



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#### Personalia

If you have information that you would like to pass on to fellow PAHA members, please email: Stephen M. Leahy at: sleahy@uwc.edu.

#### Correction

**Richard Poremski's** name was incorrectly spelled in the last edition of the *PAHA Newsletter*. The editor regrets the error.

T. Lindsay Baker has served as the W. K. Gordon Endowed Chair in Texas Industrial History at Tarleton State University, Stephenville, Texas. He also serves as the director of the W. K. Gordon Center for Industrial History of Texas, a museum and special collections library at Thurber, Texas, between Fort Worth and Abilene. Now an abandoned town. Thurber was a center of coal mining where Poles represented the second largest element of the total population of 10,000. In 2003, the University of Oklahoma Press published Baker's most recent book, More Ghost Towns of Texas. In autumn 2004, the International Molinological Society, based in England, will publish Baker's next book. A Guide to United States Patents for Windmills and Wind Engines 1793-1950. Baker is scheduled to present a paper relating to this newest book at the September/ October 2004 International Symposium on Molinology in Lisbon, Portugal. In November 2004, Baker will speak on the history of the Poles in Texas at the annual meeting of the Polish American Congress of Texas, in Houston, Texas.

John Bukowczyk, Professor of History and Director of the Canadian Studies Program at Wayne State University in Detroit, has commenced a three-year term as editor of the Journal of American Ethnic History, published by Transaction Periodicals Consortium. The Journal of American Ethnic History, the official journal of the Immigration and Ethnic History Society, focuses on the immigrant and ethnic/racial history of the North American people.

**Donna Chmara** helped organize the Polish Arts Club of Trenton's participation in Hamilton Township's 2003 Septemberfest.

Maria Chrypinska has presided over the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the American Council for Polish Culture's Youth Leadership Conference. The Youth Leadership Conference held its 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Conference in Washington DC in June, 2004.

Thomas S. Gladsky's essay, "Isaac Bashevis Singer, Poland and American Literary History," appears in Isaac Bashevis Singer: His Work and His World, editedy by Hugh Denman. Boston, 2003. Another essay, "Jerzy Kosinski: A Polish Immigrant," appears in Living in Translation: Polish Writers in America, edited Stephen Halina. New York, 2003.

Victor Greene is the author of A Singing Ambivalence: American Immigrants Between Old World and New, 1830-1930 (Kent State Univ. Press, 2004). This work includes a chapter on Polish songs about the immigrant experience. Victor also wrote an article on the history of Milwaukee's ethnic folk festivals that will appear in a future issue of the Journal of Urban History. Victor is also researching the life of Polish American artist, Wladyslaw Benda, particularly his drawings and paintings of Polish mineworkers and peasant costumes in the early 20th century. Aside from his Krakowiak dance at the Kosciuszko Foundation. Victor is looking for citations for his drawings in the progressive journals of the early 1900s, such as Survey, Cosmopolitan, or Outlook.

**Ted Gromada** presided over the 62<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Polish Institute of Arts & Sciences of America in Boston, Massachusetts. PIASA also will organize a special program to honor its recently elected fellows.

John M. Grondelski published an article, "Karol Wojtyla on *Humanae vitae*," in *Angelicum*, 81

(2004): 51-63.

Ann Hetzel Gunkel published "The Polka Alternative: Polka as Counter-Hegemonic Ethnic Practice," in Popular Music and Society 27 (no. 3, Winter 2004). She has been named a Board Member of the Piast Institute. She has numerous graphic designs appearing this Fall in various publications, including Legacy magazine, Creating Keepsakes, Woman's Day Scrapbooking, Memory Makers' books, Simple Scrapbooks, PaperKuts magazine and books, and NanC and Co. books. She has founded the digital design firm, design butcher.com and is now a Product Designer/ Design Team member for Scrap Girls (www.scrapgirls.com).

Mark Kohan was honored by the Kopernik Memorial Association of Central New York as one of this vear's Distinguished Polonians. Kohan is editor-inchief of the Polish American Journal and former PAHA Treasurer.

John J. Kulczycki published "Repatriation: Bringing" Poles from the Soviet Union Home after World War II," Sprawy NarodowoÑciowe, No. 23 (2003), 7-41.

Karen Majewski spoke before the Friends of Polish James S. Pula has accepted a position as Vice Art (Detroit) and the Polish American Arts Association of Washington, D.C. As president of the Hamtramck, Michigan, City Council, she received nationwide attention when the council amended the city's noise ordinance to regulate the Muslim Call to Prayer and other religious broadcasts. She also spent a month traveling in Poland, Hungary, and Transylvania (Romania) with a Hungarian folk dance group.

Jane Morse co-chaired the Polish Arts Association's 2004 Zapusty Revelry Party. She also volunteers to maintain the organization's web site.

Mrs. Karol Nawarynski helped organize the Polish Arts Club of Trenton's participation in Hamilton Township's 2003 Septemberfest.

Ed Pawlowski has been elected President of the

Polish American Arts Association of Washington DC. He has also volunteered at the White House in Presidential correspondence for the last ten years. He is also retired from the United States Army and the Central Intelligence Agency.

Danuta Piatkowska gave a presentation on Polish Parishes in New York City during World War II at the Polish American Historical Association's session on American Polonia and World War II in Washington D.C. Danuta recently published a book on New York City Polish parishes during World War II.

Angela and Don Pienkos gave papers and chaired panels at the 62nd annual meeting of the Polish Institute of Arts and Sciences of America that was held in June at Boston's Northeastern University. Don Pienkos was invited to the White House in honor of the expansion of NATO.

Tadeusz Piotrowski published The Polish Deportees of World War II: Recollections of Removal to the Soviet Union and Dispersal Throughout the World. McFarland & Company, 2004. Hardcover. ISBN: 0786418478. 248 pages. \$45.00.

Chancellor for Academic Affairs at the North Central campus of Purdue University. He and PAHA member Eugene E. Dziedzic have published New York Mills: The Evolution of a Village, the history of a Polish American community in central New York. Pula also published an article on a court case between the Polish American community in New York Mills and the Bishop of Syracuse over ownership and control of the local Polish American cemetery in 1937. The article appeared in the journal Mohawk Valley History.

Brother Leo S. Ryan CSV, Professor of Management-Emeritus, DePaul University (Chicago) is coauthor of Poland: A Transitional Analysis (New York: PIASA Books, March 2004). His co-authors are Richard J. Hunter Jr. and Robert H. Shapario, both of Seton Hall University. With Hunter and Shapario, Brother Leo is the co-author of "Foreign

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Direct Investment in Poland–2003." *The Polish Review* 48 (No. 3), 303-316; Taxes, Development, and Economic Transition," *International Journal of Taxation*, 29 (No. 4, September 2003), 1-21; "Legal Considerations in Foreign Direct Investment," in *The Oklahoma City University Law Review* (forthcoming, 2004). Earlier in 2003, Hunter and Ryan co-authored articles on "Trade and Economic Transformation in Poland" *Global* 

Economic Quarterly 3 (No. 3) and "Poland and the EU: The Final Chapter Before Accession" in the Sarmatian Review. 23 (No. 2). Brother Ryan has recently been quoted in Computer World (Polish edition) and in two interviews published in Vida Viatoria (Madrid). In March 2004, Brother Leo taught Human Resource Management for the sixth year at the Poznan University of Economics and Georgia State University joint MBA Program. Dr. Hunter and Brother Leo presented a paper "A Focus on Polish Privatization" at the annual meeting, of the Polish Institute of Arts and Sciences in America in Boston. June 5. 2004. Brother Ryan also coauthored: Poland: A Transitional Analysis published by PIASA Books.

Donald F. Samull was honored

by Detroit's Polish American Central Citizen's Committee at the organization's banquet and award ceremony during Polish Heritage Month.

**Frederic Skalny** organized a showing and reception for the artist Frank Anders in Rochester, New York.

Aurelia Sobczyk has retired from her career as a social worker.

Dr. Stanley M. Sobczyk is working as a geophysi-

cist in Richland, Washington.

**Daniel Stone** received the 2003 Oskar Halecki Prize from PIASA for his book, *The Polish Lithuanian State* 1386-1795 (2001) and the Philip and Gertrude Weiss/Hebrew University Prize in Holocaust Education. He recently published "Poles in Manitoba Before the Second World War," in a Polish festschrift for Professor Miroslaw Perz, the



Shelf Life

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ventures from a Year in a Bookstore (Boston, 2004). This work features her memoirs of working in a bookstore while recovering from cancer. She also pub-

lished a novel, *Becoming Finola* (New York, 2004), the story of an American woman discovering herself during a trip to Ireland.

Irena Suchecki Szewiola is contributing information and materials to the "Project In Posterum" established in California by Polish-born Witold Kiezun, Jr. to preserve and popularize selected subjects of World War II history and its aftermath.



Andrew Targowski published Electronic Enterprise (2003) and Obserwacje z USA (2003), and Enterprise Information Infrastructure (2004). He also published the following: (with Ali Metwalli) "A Framework for Asymmet-

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Peter P. and Ann Marie Wendolski are working in conjunction with the Yonkers Council of Polish Americans on the annual exhibit/display and program at the Yonkers Public Library (Will Branch) for Polish Heritage Month, October 2004. The month long exhibit will commemorate the '44 Warsaw Uprising and the opening will feature a Polish pianist, Polish performing group, and a children's school choir. Their daughter Kimberly has been accepted to the National Honor Society for Nursing at Dominican College.

Arthur T. Wincek retired to Santa Cruz, California after over 50 years of practicing law in Cleveland Heights, Ohio. He also received the Distinguished Service Medal after 15 years service with the Cleveland Heights Civil Service Commission and Police Department Inquiry Panel. He also had over 50 years public service in Northeast Ohio.

Stefan and Wanda Wilk have remained active in Polonia. Stefan founded the The Children's Medical Care Foundation educating doctors in Poland and Ukraine (www.cmcf.org) and Wanda founded and serves as the Honorary Director of the Polish Music Center at the University of Southern California, http://www.usc.edu/dept/ polish music/

Virtuoso accordionist Staś Wisniach, a 72-year veteran of the music industry and an icon of Detroit history, has received yet more honors. By unanimous decision of the Farmington Area Arts Commission, Staś has been named Farmington Hills 2004 Artist-In-Residence. Staś, a member of the Michigan Accordion Society, has also been selected by the Board of Directors of the Society as a recipient of a Michigan Heritage Award for 2004. Staś will also be honored at the Governor's Awards banquet in November. He will also be honored by the Michigan Accordion Society.

#### Web Site of Interest

Modern Language Association Language Map: http://www.mla.org/resources/census main

Drawing on information from the United States Census 2000 long form, the Modern Language Association's interactive map shows where the speakers of thirty-seven languages reside throughout the country.

## Meetings

The American Association of Slavic Studies will be holding its 36th Annual Meeting in Boston, Massachusetts, December 4-7, 2004. For more information, logon to: http://www.fas.harvard.edu/ ~aaass/.

The Cathedral of Ss. Peter & Paul in Providence, Rhode Island will celebrate 150 years of Polish Catholic Ministry in the United States. For more information, email mwinters@net1plus.com.

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