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## 2010 ANNUAL REPORT



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## **The Mission of the Kosciuszko Foundation**

Founded in 1925, the Kosciuszko Foundation is dedicated to promoting and strengthening understanding and friendship between the peoples of Poland and the United States through educational, scientific and cultural exchanges and other related programs and activities. It awards fellowships and grants to graduate student scholars, scientists, professionals and artists and helps to increase the visibility and prestige of Polish culture in America's pluralistic society by sponsoring exhibits, publications, film festivals, performing arts such as concerts and recitals, and assists other institutions with similar goals.



## **U.S. and Polish Academic Advisory Committee**

The Foundation would like to take this opportunity to express its sincere appreciation to the members of the U.S. and Polish Academic Advisory Committees whose members review and interview all of the applicants for the Fellowships and Grants Program.

The 2010 U.S. Academic Committee is composed of:

Prof. Thaddeus V. Gromada	Executive Director, Polish Institute of Arts and Sciences in America, New York
Dr. Ronald J. Hagadus	Trustee & Member of the Kosciuszko Foundation Scholarship Committee
Dr. Christopher Lange	SUNY, Health Science Center, Brooklyn, New York
Dr. Ewa Radwanska, M.D. Ph.D.	Rush University Medical Center in Chicago
Professor Bozena Shallcross	Department of Slavic Languages, University of Chicago.



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Members of the Polish Academic Commission for 2009/10 Advanced Research/Study Program for Polish Citizens include:

Maria Brewinska	Curator, <i>Zachęta</i> National Gallery of Art in Warsaw, Poland; former Fellow of The Kosciuszko Foundation
Dr. Andrzej Dakowski	Director of the Polish Fulbright Commission in Warsaw, Poland
Prof. dr. hab. Wladyslaw Miodunka	Director, The Center for Polish Language and Culture in the World of the Jagiellonian University, Krakow, Poland; former Fellow of The Kosciuszko Foundation
Dr. Jaroslaw Kusmierczyk	Assistant Professor, Clinic of Ophthalmology - Center for Medical Training Prof. W. Orłowski Hospital, Warsaw, Poland; former Fellow of The Kosciuszko Foundation
Prof. Zbigniew Lasocik, LL. D.	Dean, Law Department, The Lazarski School of Commerce and Law in Warsaw; former Fellow of the Kosciuszko Foundation
Dr. Sebastian Rejak	Deputy Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Poland, Bureau for Polish-Jewish Relations, Warsaw, Poland; former Fellow of The Kosciuszko Foundation



## **EXCHANGE FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS FOR POLISH CITIZENS**

**KOSCIUSZKO FOUNDATION FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS** are awarded annually to Polish citizens for advanced study/research and teaching at universities, institutions of higher learning and scientific/medical centers in the United States.

Under the program, The Foundation awards Fellowships to postgraduate scholars, professionals or artists with degrees. Grants are awarded to those without doctoral degrees. Fellowships and Grants are awarded for 3, 6, or 10-month periods, depending on the nature and scope of the research project, the recommendations of the American institution of higher learning, and the U.S. and Polish Academic Advisory Committees.

During fiscal year 2010, 16 Polish scholars and scientists successfully completed their scholarly and scientific projects, receiving nearly **\$300,000** in support from the Foundation.

The Fellows and Grantees had been carefully chosen for the program in a highly selective process of screening, including personal interviews in Warsaw. Among them, there were six Teaching Fellowships as part of continuous support for Polish Studies programs at various American Universities since 1992.

During the 2009/10 academic year, the Foundation sponsored Teaching Fellowships at: University of Connecticut at Storrs; University of Indiana at Bloomington, and Hunter College, City University of New York.

In addition to funding, the Foundation provides support to the Fellows and Grantees prior to their arrival and during their stay in the United States. Every effort is made to help the participants and their families with travel, housing, medical insurance, visa and U.S. Homeland Security procedures. Foundation staff contact Fellows and Grantees frequently throughout their stay in the United States, and whenever feasible conduct exit interviews and receive a final written activities report from each participant.



## Scholarships in the Humanities

<b>Grantee</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Subject of Research/Study</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Fund</b>
<b>KOWALIK, Katarzyna</b>	An Archivist, The State Archive of Capital City of Warsaw	Five month Grant to conduct research on <i>Eminent Polish Emigres Scientists Associated with Polish Institute of Arts and Sciences in America from 1942. Their Contributions to American Science and Scholarships</i> at the Polish Institute of Arts and Sciences in America, New York City with Professor Thaddeus V. Gromada.	<b>\$11,710</b>	<i>The Jan Paul Zaleski Memorial Scholarship Fund and Wanda Roehr Fund</i>
<b>CZETWIERTYNSKA, Grazyna</b>	Assistant Professor, Institute for Interdisciplinary Studies, University of Warsaw	Three month Fellowship to conduct research on methodology of teaching, educational policy, sociology of education and quality management in education at Boston College with Professors Mark O'Connor and Philip Altbach.	<b>\$9,970</b>	<i>Stanislas Chylinski Fund</i>
<b>GRZELAK, Janusz</b>	Professor, Department of Psychology, University of Warsaw	Three month Fellowship to conduct research on social value orientations and control motivations at Department of Psychology, University of Delaware with Professor D. M. Kuhlman.	<b>\$9,970</b>	<i>Stanislas Chylinski Fund</i>
<b>LIPSZYC, Adam</b>	Assistant Professor, Dept. of Philosophy, Institute of Philosophy and Sociology, Polish Academy of Science in Warsaw	Three month Fellowship to conduct research on Walter Benjamin's thought at the University of Chicago with Professor Mendes-Flohr, Professor of Modern Jewish Thought in the Divinity School.	<b>\$9,970</b>	<i>Stanislas Chylinski Fund and Alfred Tarski Memorial Scholarship Fund</i>



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<b>MALECKI, Wojciech</b>	Assistant Professor, Department of Polish Philology, University of Wroclaw	Three month Fellowship to conduct research on <i>Literature in the Aesthetics of the New Pragmatism</i> at Florida Atlantic University with Professor Richard M. Shusterman	<b>\$9,970</b>	<i>Stanislas Chylinski Fund</i>
<b>MOSKALEWICZ, Magdalena</b>	Ph.D. candidate in History of Art, Adam Mickiewicz University, Poznan	Three month Grant to conduct comparative research concerning American and Polish modernism of the 1960's at Columbia University, Barnard College, Dept. of Art History with Professors Alexander Alberro, Rosalyn Deutsche, Keith Moxey.	<b>\$7,650</b>	<i>Henry and Ludmille Wojkowski Scholarship Fund</i>
<b>RUDEK, Anna</b>	Free-lance art critic; Data Solutions Sp. z.o.o. Advertising Agency in Warsaw	Three month Grant to collect material for a monograph on Wladyslaw Benda, Polish emigre artist at his family archives, the New York Public Library, various Polish-American institutions in the United States including the Kosciuszko Foundation	<b>\$7,650</b>	<i>Albert Spiezny Journalism Scholarships</i>
<b>SIERAKOWSKI, Slawomir</b>	Ph.D. candidate in Sociology, Warsaw University	Three month Grant to conduct research towards his doctoral dissertation on the transformation of the Polish public sphere and analysis of public discourse in Poland between 1989 -2004 at Princeton University with Prof. Jan Gross.	<b>\$7,650</b>	<i>Albert Spiezny Journalism Scholarships</i>
<b>STUHR, Marianna</b>	Ph.D. candidate in Graphic Arts, Academy of Fine Arts in Warsaw.	Two month Grant to learn new techniques of graphic prints at the University of Connecticut, School of Fine Arts.	<b>\$5,734</b>	<i>Stanislas Chylinski Fund</i>





## Polish Studies Scholars

<b>Grantee</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Subject of Research/Study</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Fund</b>
<b>DEMBOWSKA-WOSIK, Iwona</b>	Assistant Professor, Department of Applied and Cultural Linguistics, University of Lodz	Ten month Teaching Fellowship to conduct comparative research for her doctoral thesis on certificate exams of Polish as a foreign language and to teach Polish language in the Polish Studies Program at Indiana University, Bloomington	<b>\$25,500</b>	<i>The Stanislas Chylinski Fund</i>
<b>PAMULA, Salomea</b>	Assistant Professor, Center of the Polish Language and Culture in the World, Jagiellonian University	Ten month Teaching Fellowship to teach courses in the Polish Studies Program at the University of Connecticut at Storrs.	<b>\$25,500</b>	<i>The Stanislas Chylinski Fund</i>



## Scholarships in the Sciences

<b>Grantee</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Subject of Research/Study</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Fund</b>
<b>MULAK, Agata</b>	Assistant Professor, Department of Gastroenterology and Hepatology, Wroclaw Medical Academy	Five month Grant to conduct research on experimental models of functional bowel disease at the Division of Digestive Diseases, David Geffen School of Medicine at University of California, Los Angeles with Professor Yvette Tache	<b>\$14,100</b>	<i>The Stanislas Chylinski Fund</i>
<b>SUFFCZYNSKI, Piotr</b>	Assistant Professor, Department of Biomedical Physics, Institute of Experimental Physics, University of Warsaw	5 months to conduct research on the cortical generators of high-gamma oscillations in the human brain at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine with Professors Piotr J. Franaszczuk and Nathan E. Crone.	<b>\$14,100</b>	<i>Henry and Ludmille Wojkowski Scholarship Fund</i>
<b>GOWIN, Ewelina</b>	Assistant Professor, Department of Family Medicine, University of Medical Science in Poznan	Three month Grant to conduct research on the effectiveness of follow-up intervention after GP's training in preventive medicine in primary care at the Polish American Medical Society in Chicago	<b>\$7,650</b>	<i>The Sendzimir Fund</i>



## Scholarships in Law and Economics

<b>Grantee</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Subject of Research/Study</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Fund</b>
<b>GEBUSIA, Iwona</b>	Counsel, Czajec-Don Siemion & Zyro Sp.K. in Warsaw	Three month grant to conduct research and to prepare a comprehensive guide to private equity issues, based on the comparative analyses of the United States and Polish Law at Harvard Law School Library and New York University of New York University	<b>\$9,970</b>	<i>The Stanislas Chylinski Fund</i>
<b>MIKLASZEWSKA, EWA</b>	Professor, Department of Finance, Economic University of Krakow	Three month grant to conduct research for her book on current challenges to large, complex financial institutions and strategic response to them including regulatory proposals at Global Business Institute, Stern School of Business in New York City with Professor Ingo Walter and Roy C. Smith	<b>\$9,970</b>	<i>The Stanislas Chylinski Fund</i>



## Special and Travel Grants 2009/2010

<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>PURPOSE</b>	<b>GRANT</b>
<b>\$26,465</b>	To AGH University of Science and Technology, Department of Environmental Engineering (Sponsorship Agreement dated February 2000 between the Kosciuszko Foundation and AGH University of Science and Technology in Krakow) in support of the cost of faculty and students exchanges, symposiums and scientific conferences.	<i>The Tadeusz Sendzimir Fund</i>
<b>\$19,000</b>	To Dr. Krzysztof Koehler towards a publication entitled "Krzysztofa Warszewickiego and Anonima uwagi o wolnosci szlacheckiej. Krzysztof Warszewicki's and Anonymus Notes about the Szlachta's Freedom." (\$3,500 to the publishing house, <i>Higher School of Philosophy and Pedagogy</i> in Poland, \$1,700 for the translation from Latin into Polish to Dr. Krzysztof Nowak and \$13,800 to Professor Koehler for his editorial work).	<i>The Publication of Old Polish Literature Fund established by Professors Eva and James Thompsons of Rice University</i>
<b>\$17,803.80</b>	To Professor Maria Dzieduszycka for teaching Polish Literature and Language courses in the Polish Studies Program at Hunter College, City University of New York.	<i>Feliks and Harriet Basista Scholarship Fund</i>
<b>\$13,000</b>	To Dr. Artur Grabowski, a Kosciuszko Foundation Teaching Fellow to teach in the Polish Studies Program during 2009/2010 academic year at University at Buffalo, the State University of New York. Polish community in Buffalo contributed \$3,000 (out of \$13,000) towards his housing expenses.	<i>The Stanislas Chylinski Fund</i>
<b>\$5,000</b>	To Slawomir Cenckiewicz, a young Polish historian, towards his research on the family archives of Senator Tadeusz Katelbach, an important figure of the pre-war Polish political scene, Fall 2009.	<i>\$2,000 from The Stanislas Chylinski Fund</i> <i>\$3,000 through the generosity of Mr. Adam Bak</i>
<b>\$5,000</b>	To Sun A. Park for first prize scholarship award in Chopin Piano Competition which took place at the KF's House on April 10, 2010.	<i>Anne Felicya Cierpiak Fund</i>



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<b>\$5,000</b>	To Pulaski Memorial Parade Committee, Inc. towards expenses connected with the 72 <sup>nd</sup> Annual Pulaski Day Parade in New York City held on October 4, 2009.	<i>The Stanslas Chylinski Fund</i>
<b>3,000</b>	To Drew Peterson for second prize scholarship award in Chopin Piano Competition which took place at the KF's House on April 10, 2010.	<i>Anne Felicya Cierpik Fund</i>
<b>\$2,280</b>	To Dr. Sebastian Rejak towards the publication of his book entitled "Jewish Identities in Poland and America: the Impact of the Shoah on Religion and Ethnicity."	<i>Joseph B. Slotowski Memorial Publication Fund</i>
<b>\$2,000</b>	In support of the 21 <sup>st</sup> Polish Film Festival in Chicago held in November 2009.	<i>The Stanslas Chylinski Fund</i>
<b>\$2,000</b>	To Prof. John J. Bukowczyk towards a publication by the Ohio University Press: Polish American Studies Series edited by Prof. John J. Bukowczyk.	<i>Joseph B. Slotowski Memorial Publication Fund</i>
<b>\$1,509</b>	To Professor Jozef Szudy of the Institute of Physics, Nicholas Copernicus University in Torun for the 2010 membership dues and subscription of the scientific journals of the Optical Society of America.	<i>Stanislaw Mrozowski Fund</i>
<b>\$1,500</b>	To Konrad Binienda for third prize scholarship award in Chopin Piano Competition which took place at the KF's House on April 10, 2010.	<i>Anne Felicya Cierpik Fund</i>
<b>\$1,000</b>	To Lydia Skrabonja, a student of Mathematics at Cornell University toward her internship at the Kosciuszko Foundation during the month of July 2009.	<i>The Stanslas Chylinski Fund</i>
<b>\$500</b>	To Ohio Chapter of The Kosciuszko Foundation in support of Winners of the 2009 Local Essay Contest at the Third Annual Awards Banquet and Fundraiser held on April 17 <sup>th</sup> , 2010.	<i>Tadeusz Solowij Literary Fund</i>
<b>\$450</b>	Towards the honoraria for the participants (Elzbieta Czyzewska, Grazyna Drabik and Grzegorz Herominski) of the literary event, a tribute to Warsaw Uprising held at the Foundation house on September 17-19, 2009.	<i>Tadeusz Solowij Literary Fund</i>



## The Domestic Scholarship Programs

Scholarships to Americans and Polish Americans, known informally as the "domestic" programs, form an integral part of the Kosciuszko Foundation's Educational programs. Four separate programs comprise the Domestic Scholarship Program:

- The Domestic Tuition Scholarship Program for Graduate Studies
- The Graduate and Post-graduate Study and Research Program for Americans in Poland
- The Year Abroad Program in Poland, and
- The Summer Study Abroad Program

The Foundation awarded scholarships to Americans at American Universities, comprised of Polish Americans and Americans who are studying primarily Polish studies, for total scholarship proceeds of \$142,705.

### Domestic Tuition Scholarships

The Kosciuszko Foundation awards Domestic Tuition Scholarships to Polish Americans, Americans studying Polish subjects, and Poles who are permanent residents of the United States to pursue graduate studies in the United States.

The Tuition Scholarships are granted on a competitive basis to full time students at accredited American universities who have an excellent academic record and who are able to demonstrate a strong sense of identification with the Polish American community and with Polish culture in general.

Though the majority of scholarships are designated for graduate study, a limited number are available for undergraduate study. In order to achieve a fair and reasonable diversity amongst grantees, in determining awards, consideration is given to a number of factors, including the age, scholarly affiliation, geographic region and gender of the applicants.



## Domestic Tuition Scholarships 2009-2010

<b>Name</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Fund</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Andrezyk, Mark of Boston, MA	Third year of undergraduate studies in Sound Design, Emerson College, Boston, MA	Massachusetts Federation of Polish Women's Clubs Fund	\$1,250
Bogucki, Caroline of Boston, MA	Second year of graduate studies in Business Administration, Georgetown University, Washington, DC	The Arthur and Genevieve Roth Scholarship Fund	\$2,000
Ciecierski, Caroline of Hackensack, NJ	First year of undergraduate studies in Nutrition Science, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ	Polish American Club of North Jersey Fund	\$585
Czerwien, Christy of Ripon, WI	First year of graduate studies in East Asian Studies, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA	Edward C. Smith Scholarship Fund	\$3,000
Dabrowska, Marta of Middle Village, NY	Second year of graduate studies in Creative Writing, New York University, New York, NY	Albert Spiezny Scholarship Fund	\$3,000
Domkowski, David of New York, NY	Senior year of undergraduate studies in Physical Therapy, Sacred Heart University, Fairfield, CT	Polish National Alliance of Brooklyn, USA, Inc. Fund	\$2,000
Filipiak, Anna of Chicago, IL	Second year of graduate studies in International Relations, Johns Hopkins University, Washington, DC	Victoria Kokernak Scholarship Fund	\$3,000
Grabowski, Aleksander of Belleville, NJ	Senior year of undergraduate studies in Print Journalism, American University, Washington, DC	Polish National Alliance of Brooklyn, USA, Inc. Fund	\$2,000



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Grobelski, Jennifer of LaGrange, IL	Third year of graduate studies in Law, DePaul University, Chicago, IL	Michaline, Kazimierz, Jozef & Henry W. Rokicki Scholarsh Fund	\$3,000
Henderson, Lara of Foxboro, MA	Second year of graduate studies in Book Arts/Printmaking, University of the Arts, Philadelphia, PA	Floyd and Irene McKain - John and Helen Genza Scholarship Fund	\$2,000
Howard, Barbara of Albuquerque, NM	Fourth year of doctoral studies in Clinical Psychology, Fielding Graduate University, Santa Barbara, CA	The Michalina and Herman Zimber Scholarship Fund	\$2,000
Jablonska, Justyna of Chicago, IL	First year of graduate studies in Journalism, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL	Albert Spiezny Scholarship Fund	\$3,000
Jakala, Elizabeth of Chicago, IL	Second year of graduate studies in Nursing, University of California, San Francisco, CA	\$1,000 from The Kazimiera Adrian Adrianowska Scholarship Fund and \$1,000 from the The Michalina and Herman Zimber Scholarship Fund	\$2,000
Juda, Andrea of New York, NY	Second year of graduate studies in Integrated Marketing, New York University, New York, NY	\$2,000 from the Chylinski I Scholarship Fund and \$1,000 from the Rev. Paul J. Miskowicz Scholarship Fund	\$3,000
Kowalczyk, Karolina of Chicago, IL	Second year of graduate studies in Clinical Social Work, The University of Chicago, Chicago, IL	Sophia Grodzicka Scholarship Fund	\$3,000
Lacek, Aneta of Chicago, IL	Third year of graduate studies in Dentistry, University of Illinois, Chicago, IL	The Dr. Edward and Maria Nowicki Memorial Scholarship Fund	\$3,000
Letowski, Jan of Knoxville, TN	Second year graduate program in Museum Studies, George Washington University, Washington, DC	\$1,000 from the Dr. Casimir V. Kierzkowski Scholarship Fund and \$1,000 from the John C. Kierzkowski Scholarship Fund	\$2,000





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Maticka Samantha of Ringwood, NJ	Sophomore year of undergraduate studies in Religious Education, Mount St. Mary's University, Emmitsburg, MD	Polish American Club of North Jersey Fund	\$500
Mazurek, Stefan of Chicago, IL	First year of graduate studies in Molecular Biology, Loyola University, Chicago, IL	Richard Sobieraj Scholarship Fund	\$2,000
Mrozek, Julie of Grove City, PA	Second year of studies in Podiatric Medicine, Ohio College of Podiatric Medicine, Independence, OH	Edwin L. Harasimowicz Scholarship Fund	\$3,000
Olcon, Katarzyna of Burbank, IL	First year of graduate studies in Human Rights, Columbia University, New York, NY	Stephen P. Mizwa Scholarship Fund	\$3,000
Orlik, Aleksander of Palo Alto, CA	First year of graduate studies in Dentistry, Indiana University, Indianapolis, IN	The Dr. Edward and Maria Nowicki Memorial Scholarship Fund	\$2,000
Parzych, Lydia of Worcester, MA	First year of studies in Medicine, Univeristy of Massachusetts, Worcester, MA	Dr. Marie E. Zakrzewska Medical Scholarship	\$3,500
Piecewicz Stephanie of Chicago, IL	Second year of Ph.D. studies in Medical Engineering, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA	Stan Lesny Scholarship Fund	\$4,000
Plaskon Paulina of Wallington, NJ	Senior year of undergraduate studies in Clinical Laboratory, University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, Newark, NJ	Polish American Club of North Jersey Fund	\$575
Pomianowski, Joseph of New Britain, CT	Fifth year of undergraduate studies in History of Science, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA	Walter Jarzembski Scholarship Fund	\$3,000
Ponceloranca, Kevin of Ridgewood, NJ	First year of undergraduate studies in Mechanical Engineering, Virginia Polytechnic and State University, Blacksburg, VA	Polish American Club of North Jersey Fund	\$970



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Rotner, Jonathan of New York, NY	First year of doctoral studies in Electrical Engineering, Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, PA	Pope John Paul II Scholarship	\$3,000
Sadowski Maciej of Brooklyn, NY	Sophomore year of undergraduate studies in Biology, St. Joseph's College, Brooklyn, NY	Polish National Alliance of Brooklyn, USA, Inc. Fund	\$2,000
Sczepanik, Darcy of Beeville, TX	Second year of graduate studies in Optometry, University of Houston, Houston, TX	Walter Jarzembski Scholarship Fund	\$2,000
Siemianowski, Alison of Springfield, MA	First year of graduate studies in Public Administration, University of Vermont, Burlington, VT	Walter Jarzembski Scholarship Fund	\$2,000
Slomiak Joanna of West Palm Beach, FL	First year undergraduate studies in Pre-Veterinary Medicine, Becker College, Worcester, MA	Massachusetts Federation of Polish Women's Clubs Fund	\$1,250
Socha Anna of Elizabeth, NJ	First year of studies in Medicine, Karol Marcinkowski University of Medical Sciences, Poznan, Poland	Sophia Grodzicka Scholarship Fund	\$3,000
Staniszewska, Malgorzata of Brooklyn, NY	Second year of graduate studies in Vocal Performance, Brooklyn College, Brooklyn, NY	Irena Spalluto - Bonczak Scholarship	\$2,000
Szymanek, Katarzyna of Arlington Heights, PA	Fourth year of studies in Medicine, Kansas City University of Medicine and Biosciences, Kansas City, MO	\$1,000 from The Kazimiera Adrian Adrianowska Scholarship Fund and \$2,000 from the Michalina and Herman Zimmer Scholarship Fund	\$3,000
Tokarz, Katarzyna of Frederick, MD	First year of graduate studies in Russian and East European Studies, Georgetown University, Washington, DC	The Joseph Nowak Scholarship Fund	\$3,000



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Tomczak, Adam of River Vale, NJ	First year of graduate studies in Astrophysics, Texas A & M University, College Station, TX	Stan Lesny Scholarship Fund	\$2,000
Warchal, Jessica of Kingston, PA	Third year of graduate studies in Dance, Temple University, Philadelphia, PA	Floyd and Irene McKain - John and Helen Genza Scholarship Fund	\$2,000
Wis, Sandra of Clifton, NJ	First year of undergraduate studies in English, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ	Polish American Club of North Jersey Fund	\$495
Wolicki, Katherine of Asheville, NC	First year of graduate studies in International Economics, American University, Washington, DC	The Wasil Scholarship Fund	\$3,000

**TUITION SCHOLARSHIPS: \$91,125**



## THE YEAR ABROAD PROGRAM IN POLAND 2009/2010

The Year Abroad Program offers American students the opportunity to study Polish language, history, literature and culture in Poland for college credit at the undergraduate level at the Jagiellonian University's Center for Polish Language and Culture in the World. The program is sponsored by the Kosciuszko Foundation in cooperation with the Polish Ministry of National Education. Students receive tuition, housing and a monthly stipend towards living expenses from the Polish government. The Kosciuszko Foundation awards additional grants as subsidies for living expenses. Funding is provided by the Ted and Walter Wysocki Scholarship Fund.

<b>Recipient</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Dubowski, Lauren of New York, NY	Undergraduate senior majoring in Theater Studies and French at Bryn Mawr College, Bryn Mawr, PA and Swarthmore College, Swarthmore, PA	\$675
Figus, Elizabeth of Minneapolis, MN	B.A. in International Relations and Sociology at Mount Holyoke College, South Hadley, MA	\$1,350
Kudlacz, Tom of Meriden, CT	Undergraduate sophomore majoring in History at Clemson University, Clemson, SC	\$675
Mailloux, Caroline of Taunton, MA	Undergraduate senior majoring in Development Studies at Brown University, Providence, RI	\$1,350
Mikulski, Laura of Trenton, NJ	Undergraduate senior majoring in Drama at The Catholic University of America, Washington, DC	\$1,350
Nungovitch, Petro of Atlanta, GA	B.A. in Arts and Humanities at University of Maryland, College Park, MD	\$1,350
Peters, Matthew of Berwyn, IL	Undergraduate sophomore majoring in Political Science, Augustana College, Rock Island, IL	\$1,350



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Pienkowski, Mark of Knoxville, TN	Undergraduate senior majoring in History at Emory University, Atlanta, GA	\$1,350
Willey, David of Geneva, IL	Second year doctoral student in Slavic Languages and Literatures at Yale University, New Haven, CT	\$1,350

**Ted and Walter Wysocki Scholarship Fund**  
**YEAR ABROAD IN POLAND SCHOLARSHIP:** **\$10,800**



## **GRADUATE STUDIES AND RESEARCH IN POLAND 2009/2010**

In cooperation with the Polish Ministry of National Education, the Foundation selects and recommends American students and scholars to study and undertake independent research projects in Poland towards Masters, Ph.D. or post-doctoral degrees. The program is also open to university faculty who wish to spend a sabbatical conducting research in Poland. Grants are awarded for an academic year or semester. Participants in the program received a tuition waiver (if applicable), housing and a stipend for living expenses from the Polish Ministry. Grantees also received funding from the Foundation to subsidize the modest overall grants from the Polish Ministry. Funding is provided by the Ted and Walter Wysocki Scholarship Fund.

<b>Grantee</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Larsen, Robin of Omaha, NE	To conduct research on Polish women as film directors in order to reveal how Polish women create contemporary works of Polish cinema and how they have entered the crucial dialogue that cinema has historically conducted with the Polish people. The research will be conducted at the Institute of English Studies, University of Wroclaw, Wroclaw, and the Department of American Culture and Literature, University of Lodz, Lodz, with Prof. Agnieszka Salska and Prof. Dominika Ferens.	\$1,000
	<b>GRADUATE STUDIES AND RESEARCH IN POLAND:</b>	<b>\$1,000</b>
	<b>TOTAL EXCHANGE PROGRAMS TO POLAND:</b>	<b>\$11,800</b>



**SUMMER STUDY ABROAD PROGRAM 2010**  
**TOMASZKIEWICZ-FLORIO SCHOLARSHIPS FOR SUMMER STUDIES AT THE JAGIELLONIAN**  
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<b>Name</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Scholarship</b>
<b>Baney, Olivia</b> of Los Altos, CA	High school senior at Mountain View High School, Mountain View, CA	\$2,340
<b>Bogacki, Natalia</b> of Kenmore, NY	Undergraduate freshman majoring in International Business at Canisius College, Buffalo, NY	\$2,340
<b>Brouard, Beata</b> of Springfield, OH	Undergraduate freshman majoring in Art at Wittenberg University, Springfield, OH.	\$2,340
<b>Dankowski, Magdalena</b> of Longtree, CO	Undergraduate freshman majoring in Biology at University of Denver, Denver, CO	\$2,340
<b>Drabek, Anna</b> of Croton-on-Hudson, NY	Undergraduate freshman majoring in French Linguistics at Georgetown University, Washington, D.C.	\$2,340
<b>Dydynski, Michael</b> of North East, MD	Undergraduate senior majoring in History and Exercise Science at Towson University, Towson, MD	\$2,340
<b>Dyrcz, Marisa</b> of Seattle, WA	Undergraduate senior majoring in International Studies at University of Washington, Seattle, WA	\$2,340
<b>Grzybowski, Gabriela</b> of Parlin, NJ	Undergraduate sophomore majoring in Economics at Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ	\$2,340
<b>Hryniewicz, Edyta</b> of Westfield, CT	Undergraduate sophomore majoring in Patho-biology and Veterinary Science at University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT	\$2,340
<b>Mienko, Julita</b> of New York, NY	Undergraduate sophomore majoring in Environmental	\$2,340



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Name	Status	Scholarship
	Studies at Hunter College, New York, NY	
<b>Mikulski, Anna</b> of Addison, IL	Undergraduate sophomore majoring in West Slavic Languages and Literatures and English Language and Literature at University of Chicago, Chicago, IL	\$2,340
<b>Parzygnat, Arthur</b> of Richmond Hill, NY	Undergraduate senior majoring in Physics and Math at Queens College, Flushing, NY	\$2,340
<b>Petrus, Jacqueline</b> of North Versailles, PA	High school senior at East Allegheny High School, North Versailles, PA	\$2,340
<b>Priebe, Elizabeth</b> of Houston, TX	High school senior at Duchesne Academy of the Sacred Heart, Houston, TX	\$2,340
<b>Skrabonja, Lydia</b> of Fair Lawn, NJ	Undergraduate freshman majoring in Engineering at Cornell University, Ithaca, NY	\$2,340
<b>Stec, Kinga</b> of Bronx, NY	Undergraduate senior majoring in Accounting at Fordham University, Bronx, NY	\$2,340
<b>Witkowski, Anna</b> of Florence, SC	Undergraduate sophomore majoring in Fashion Merchandising Management at Fashion Institute of Technology, New York, NY	\$2,340
<b>TOMASZKIEWICZ-FLORIO SCHOLARSHIPS:</b>		<b>\$ 39,780</b>





## **Annual Dinner and Ball**

The Kosciuszko Foundation celebrated its 75<sup>th</sup> Annual Dinner and Ball in the Grand Ballroom of New York's elegant Waldorf=Astoria Hotel.

The prominent honorees and awardees of the KF Medal of Recognition were: former President of Poland and Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Lech Walesa, Pioneering Plastic Surgeon Maria Siemionow, MD, PhD, DSc and renowned artist Rafal Olbinski.

Mr. Bogdan Chmielewski, Chief Executive Officer of the Polish & Slavic Federal Credit Union, served as the Ball Chairman. The Polish American Dance Company performed one of its original pieces.

Under the patronage of Mrs. Patricia Irene Rutkoske McCune, six young ladies were presented as debutantes at the Ball. They were Miss Mikhaela Ackerman of Winston Salem, North Carolina, Diana Marie Gruzmacher, Natasha Polewac of Plainview, New York, Adria and Rachel Wyszynski and Alexandria Zachowski. Ms. Juliana Fazio served as the Honorary Chairwoman of the Debutante Council.

The Annual Dinner and Ball functions as an opportunity for friends and supporters of the Kosciuszko Foundation to gather and honor those who have made significant contributions to the arts, sciences, history, and literature, as well as to honor young women, bright, talented and ambitious, who seek to walk in the footsteps of those honored.

Guests in attendance this year watched as the masters of ceremonies guided the Ball through a host of traditions, such as the chorus of trumpeters from the Fanfare Squadron of the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, and the singing of both the Polish and the United States National Anthems by Miss Helen Mary Tyszka, Soprano. The Polish American Folk Dance Company performed to the music of Frederick Chopin, and led the guests in the traditional Polonaise.



## **Affiliate Groups**

Affiliate Groups play an important role in furthering the Kosciuszko Foundation's goals. They comprise of individuals who are focused on certain special interests within the broader activities of the Kosciuszko Foundation, and often feature their own membership rosters and officers, addressing many of the Foundation's specific needs.

### **The National Advisory Council**

The National Advisory Council is composed of several individual members of the Kosciuszko Foundation, as well as presidents of the Kosciuszko Foundation's eight Chapters. The Council is designed to benefit from broad representation throughout the United States providing the Board of Trustees with valuable advice on how to expand membership and donations, by highlighting and discussing current trends amongst the Foundation's target groups, and developing ideas on how to attract new membership and donations given these trends. Its members are longtime Foundation members who have their finger on the pulse of the Foundation, its philosophy, and its future.

### **Chapters of the Kosciuszko Foundation**

The Kosciuszko Foundation chapters play a vital role in maintaining the Foundation's reputation as a nationwide organization. Run strictly by local volunteers who commit considerable time and effort to the task of soliciting members in their geographic areas, organizing local concerts, awards banquets, and other key fundraising events, representatives of the Kosciuszko Foundation's eight chapters act as local ambassadors, promoting the Foundation's mission in local regions.

Through the participation of local chapter presidents on the National Advisory Council, chapters also help keep the Board of Trustees, officers, and staff informed of local trends in local communities, and instrumental role in assisting the Foundation to expand membership.



## **The Pro Arte League**

For all those visitors to the Foundation House who find it an aesthetic and hospitable place to visit, they can thank the Pro Arte League.

Founded by women members of the Kosciuszko Foundation in 1970 with a mission to raise funds for the preservation and beautification of the public rooms for the Kosciuszko Foundation house, the Pro Arte League has played an indispensable role in keeping the Foundation House in its current pristine condition. Beginning with fashion show fundraisers in the early part of its history, the League now uses its annual fundraising luncheon as a showcase for young Polish-American musicians and other fine Polish and Polish American performing artists.

## **The Polish American Teachers Association**

Polish American Teachers Association (PATA) was founded in 1973 in order to help accurately inform the American public about Poland and the role and contributions of Polish Americans in American society. PATA's relationship with the Kosciuszko Foundation began shortly after formation.

PATA sponsors a rich schedule of events and activities, including essay and visual arts competitions. One of its more popular programs include a storytelling competition, during which students of Polish heritage who attend Polish supplementary schools gather at the Kosciuszko Foundation to tell stories from Polish folklore. Held every March, this year's winners were presented with medals and cash prizes.

PATA also holds the popular Annual Mikolajki/St. Nicholas Day celebration, which teaches children about traditional Polish Christmas celebrations. PATA has also been a reliable supporter of the Foundation's Teaching English in Poland Program, through regular cash contributions as well as Program volunteers.



## **The Holocaust Studies Committee**

No single event in recent history has had a longer lasting impact on people of Polish heritage like the Holocaust. In order to in order to assure that educators and other sources report Polish Christian experiences in the Holocaust in a fair, unbiased and accurate manner, the Foundation formed the Holocaust Studies Committee in 1982. The Committee maintains liaison with the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum and holds a seat on the Polish-American-Jewish-American Council. In the past, it has gained recognition of three Polish Christians as “Righteous Among the Nations” by Israel’s Holocaust Memorial Center Yad Vashem and provided technical assistance to two widely screened documentary “Zegota, a Time to Remember,” and “Zegota: Council for Aid to Jews in Occupied Poland (1942-1945)”, both films documenting the Polish Home Army’s aid and assistance to the Jews during World War II. The committee also acts to fight against defamatory statements made in films, and contemporary literature, and school curricula.

John Gmerek, Longtime Chairman of the Committee, noted that the political reforms in Poland in 1989 acted as an impetus to encourage dialogue between the Polish Jews and Polish Christians on full documentation of both the scope of atrocities as well as acts of rescue and heroism of both groups during the Holocaust. The Holocaust Studies Committee is seeking new volunteers to join its cause.

## **The Debutante Council**

The presentation of young ladies to the community and into society at the Kosciuszko Foundation's Annual Dinner and Ball in April of each year has been the highlight of the Foundation's calendar of events since it was introduced in 1941. The Debutante Council prepares those young ladies for presentation at the Ball.

The Council is comprised of women of Polish descent who also have longstanding relationships with the Kosciuszko Foundation. The Council invites young women between the ages of 16 and 25 who have shown scholastic achievement and a record of community service to participate as debutantes. The Council members prepare them for their appearance through meetings and a special luncheon. The Debutante presentation is a highlight of the Annual Dinner and Ball, instilling young women with a sense of traditional values, education and conduct in a sophisticated social setting. It is an exciting and elegant experience, creating memories that last a lifetime.