

***LEGION OF YOUNG POLISH
WOMEN***

AND

***THE POLISH STUDIES
AT THE UNIVERSITY OF
CHICAGO***

In 1961, the Legion of Young Polish Women formed a committee called Polinistyka to establish a Chair of Polish Literature at the University of Chicago. An initial contribution of \$25,000 began the program in 1962. The Legion continued to financially support the program until it was firmly established. Since then the University of Chicago has offered a continuous program in Polish Literature and Linguistics.

The focus of the program has been on graduate studies. An undergraduate degree with a major in Polish Studies is a possibility which needs special arrangements.

Graduate studies in Polish Literature or Linguistics take two forms. Every student in the department must study the Literature or Linguistics of two Slavic Languages. One is generally the major area of study and the other one considered is the minor. The dissertations generally deal with the literature or linguistics of the major field, but in some cases two are combined. Since 1980, the University of Chicago produced four dissertations in Polish Literature which by far outnumbers any field other than Russian. Today, there are two dissertations in Polish literature near completion, two in Comparative Literature and one in the early stages.

Polish Literature or Linguistics is the most popular minor field of study for students majoring in Russian Literature or Slavic Linguistics. The number of doctorates with Polish as one of the two fields of specialization minimally is thirteen. While the numbers are small, they compare favorably with other graduate institutions. According to the Data of Dissertation abstracts, the City University of New York has produced five in Polish Literature since 1980 and Harvard has produced four. No other university has as many as four. The total number produced in the

United States during that time totals thirty-one with only nine doctorates in Polish Literature.

Our records on Master's Degrees are not complete, but we have produced between ten and twenty master and bachelor degrees in Polish. During that time Dr. Samuel Sandler was Professor of Polish Literature.

Our former Students

ALBERT JUSZCZAK

Ph.D., 1978

Former President

Kosciuszko Foundation

GERARD KAPOLKA

Ph.D., 1981

Assistant Editor of the Polish Review

and a California College Teacher

JOANNA KOT

Ph.D., 1991

Northern Illinois University Professor

JACQUELINE GLOMSKI

Ph.D., 1985

Warburg Institute in London

CZESLAWA KARDAS-KOLAK

Doctoral Student, 1978-81

Leading Teacher of Polish

in the Chicago Area

EUGENE ROSYPAL

Doctoral Student, 1974-1976

Former Officer

Polish American Congress and the

Charitable Foundation

PROFESSORS AND STAFF

THE PROFESSORS OF POLISH LITERATURE

**MARIA KUNCEWICZ
1962-65**

**TYMON TERLECKI
1964-71**

**SAMUEL SANDLER
1972-95**

**TAMARA TROJANOWSKA
1995**

Professor Trojanowska who joined the faculty at the beginning of this academic year. She has her Master's degree from the Jagiellonian University in Krakow and her doctorate from the University of Toronto. Her area of study is Modern Drama. Her dissertation topic was on works of Mrozek and Havel.

From 1963 to 1993, Professor Zbigniew Golab taught Polish Linguistics. Since his retirement, Polish Linguistic Studies have been supervised by Bill Darden. Janina Golab has been a lecturer in the Polish Language since 1965.

POLISH STUDIES ENDOWMENT FUND

The Polish Studies Endowment Fund that the Legion of Young Polish Women with its current gift of \$10,000 should grow steadily over the years. Funding of Polish Studies will not only help maintain this program, despite the budgetary considerations at the University but will develop a Polish Studies Program which responds to the changing needs in the field and the community by offering special courses in Polish Theater and Culture.

The Polish Studies Endowment Fund assures the continuing excellence of both teaching and scholarship at the University of Chicago in the Department of Slavic Languages and Literature. An endowment fund is based on gifts given to the department and then invested by the University. The money from the investment income is the only money the department has to operate on. The other earnings and realized capital gains are returned to the principal to encourage growth and preserve the endowment's value against inflation. Pledges are welcomed at any time.

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