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Points of Interest

Mark your calendar for the PAHA Midyear Meeting in Hamtramck, Michigan on June 9-10, 2007. Email Anna Jaroszynska-Kirchmann at kirchmanna@easternct.edu

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.

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Do you know someone deserving of an award? Let us know.

Leading Poets Converge on Atlanta

By John Guzlowski



John Guzlowski, Marek Pawlak, and Cecilia Woloch (Leahy photo)

Pawlak (*The Buffalo Sequence*), Linda Nemec Foster (*Amber Necklace From Gdansk*), Leonard Kress (*Sappho's Apples*), Cecilia Woloch (*Tsigan*), and panel co-chair John Guzlowski (*Language of Mules*). Each spoke briefly about how Polish American culture has inspired his or her writing.

They read poems about what it feels like to grow up as an immigrant or a child of immigrants, what they learned about Poland and how they learned it, what it was like in Poland and Germany during World War II, what their relationship to Polish language and literature is, and finally how complicated it is being Polish American.

Co-chair and translator Janusz Zalewski, along with Polish documentarian Henryk Gajewski, is editing a DVD of the panel.

Panelists' poems and their remarks about their ethnicity are available online.

On January 4-6, the Polish American Historical Association held its Annual Meeting in Atlanta, Georgia. Panels featuring the nation's leading Polish American poets highlighted the meeting. Six Polish American poets gathered together at PAHA Atlanta to discuss how being Polish American has shaped their works. The poets were Phil Boiarski (*Coal and Fire*), Marek



Phil Boiarski, Linda Nemec Foster, and Leonard Kress (Leahy photo)

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"Not only does it discuss specific issues and writers from the Polish context, but it also points toward a significant body of theoretical approaches to home and space issues through the rigorous and creative use of relevant theories on the part of many contributors. . . . *Framing the Polish Home* is definitely something to write home about."

—Judyna Baird, *Serbian Review*

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Every major European immigrant group—Italians, Jews, Germans, Irish—have published historical encyclopedias to inform researchers and the general public about the experiences and contributions of their groups within the mosaic of American society. African Americans have their reference works, as do Native Americans, Hispanics, Asians, Catholics and others. Of all the major groups to populate North America, only the Poles remain without a serious historical encyclopedia to define their presence. It is time to remedy this enormous deficiency in the literature on the Polish experience in America.

At its meeting in January of 2005 the Board of Directors of the Polish American Historical Association approved exploring the feasibility of such a project. Subsequently, at its June 2005 meeting the Board voted to endorse the project. At its most recent meetings in January and April of this year, the Board reiterated its support for the project, approved initial plans and began soliciting information and contributors for the encyclopedia. As you can imagine, a project of this scope will be very expensive. To bring it to fruition, we need your assistance. Please consider a tax deductible donation to PAHA to support the "Encyclopedia of Polish American History and Culture." All donations are welcome, and will be acknowledged in the published encyclopedia. To make your contribution to this important effort, send a copy of the following form today along with your check or money order payable to the Polish American Historical Association.

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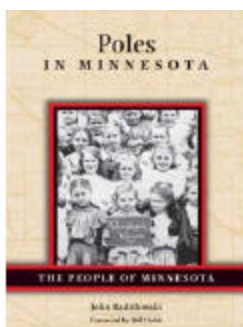
On January 6, 2007, The Polish American Historical Association gave out its Annual Awards at the Hyatt Hotel in Atlanta, Georgia.

MIECZYSLAW HAIMAN AWARD to an American scholar for sustained contribution to the study of the Polish American ethnic group in the United States.

Mary Patrice Erdmans, Professor of Sociology at Central Connecticut State University.

She is a two-time recipient of the PAHA Halecki Prize for her books *Opposite Poles* (1998) and *The Grasiński Girls* (2005). She served as PAHA President 2003-2007. Dr. Erdmans has produced work of interest not only to Polonia specialists, but to a broader audience of scholars.

OSKAR HALECKI PRIZE recognizing an important book or monograph on the Polish experience in the United States, published in 2005 or 2006.



(Left), **John Radzilowski**, *Poles in Minnesota*. St. Paul: Minnesota Historical Society Press, 2005.

CREATIVE ARTS PRIZE recognizing the contributions in the field of creative arts by individuals or groups who have promoted an awareness of the Polish experience in the Americas.



(Right), **Ann Hetzel Gunkel**. is Professor of Humanities and Cultural Studies at Columbia College, Chicago and a leading expert on polka music.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD given occasionally to a member of the Polish American Historical Association who has rendered valuable and sustained service to the organization.

Joseph Wieczerek (right) and **Theodore Zawistowski**. Joseph Wieczerek is Professor Emeritus of History, Bronx College, CUNY, former two-time PAHA president, and is now editor of *The Polish Review*. Theodore Zawistowski has consulted on history and archives to the Commission of the Polish National Catholic Church. He has edited *PNCC Studies*, *The Polish Review*, and the *PAHA Newsletter*.



2007 Awards Continued

SWASTEK PRIZE for best article published in a given volume of *Polish American Studies*, nominated by *Polish American Studies* editorial board.

Adam Walaszek, "Tomasz Siemiradzki: An Intellectual in Ethnic Politics," *Polish American Studies*, 62 (Autumn 2005):47-73.

"'Professor' was the loyal and consistent supporter of the unique idea calling for the participation of the 'Fourth Province of Poland' in Polish politics, opposing any passivity in this respect. He did not understand the internal problems of acculturation, viewing immigrants and members of the Polish ethnic group as simply members of the Polish Diaspora." (page 73)

KULCZYCKI PRIZE recognizing an important dissertation on the Polish experience in the United States, offered to a graduate student or younger scholar.

Iwona Drag Korga, "Dzialalnosc propagandowa rządu RP na uchodźstwie wobec społeczeństwo amerykańskiego (1939-1945)," Akademia Pedagogiczna im. Komisji Edukacji Narodowej, Kraków, 2004.

"One has to admit that judged by this result, the propaganda efforts of the Polish government in exile failed to achieve most of its aims. Nevertheless, the voice of Poland was audible and did force American Administrations to take into account the Polish situation." (Korga, English language summary, page 249.)

AMICUS POLONIAE AWARD given occasionally to recognize contributions enhancing knowledge of the Polish and Polish American heritage by individuals not belonging to the Polish American community.

Joel Wurl, now of the National Endowment for Humanities in Washington, for his longtime service at the Immigration History Research Center, University of Minnesota, in preserving Polish American manuscript collections.

CIVIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS to honor individuals or groups who have advanced the Polish American Historical Association's goals of promoting research on and awareness of the Polish experience in the Americas.

Elizabetz Krawczynski

Dorota Lato Folkert

Edward Pinkowski

Krzysztof Krawczynski

Lee J. Meyer

Bozena Zaremba

Nominations for 2008 Awards

The Polish American Historical Association solicits nominees for PAHA's 2008 Awards. PAHA encourages members and non-members to nominate members and non-members for its awards. Please send all nominations by June 15, 2007 to the chair of the awards committee, Neal Pease (Department of History, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee), at pease@uwm.edu.

Oskar Halecki Prize recognizes an important book or monograph on the Polish experience in the United States. Eligibility is limited to works of historical and/or cultural interest, including those in the social sciences or humanities, published in 2006 and 2007.

Creative Arts Award recognizes the contributions in the field of creative arts by individuals or groups who have promoted an awareness of the Polish experience in the Americas.

Civic Achievement Awards honor individuals or groups who advance PAHA's goals of promoting research and awareness of the Polish experience in the Americas.

Amicus Poloniae Award recognizes significant contributions enhancing knowledge of the Polish and Polish American heritage by individuals not belonging to the Polish American community.

Kulczycki Prize recognizes an important dissertation on the Polish experience in the United States offered to a graduate student or younger scholar within the first five years after awarding of the doctorate degree to assist in the publication of a book or monograph.

Distinguished Service Award is given occasionally to a member of PAHA who has rendered valuable and sustained service to the organization.

Mieczyslaw Haiman Award is offered annually to an American scholar for sustained contribution to the study of Polish Americans.

Call for 2008 Papers

The Polish American Historical Association will hold its **Annual Conference** in conjunction with the American Historical Association **in Washington, D.C., January 3-6, 2008**. The PAHA Program Committee welcomes proposals from both PAHA members and non-members for complete sessions and individual papers. The Committee welcomes proposals on all historical periods and from a variety of scholarly perspectives and disciplines. All proposals must be submitted electronically (Word format) and sent to Dr. Anna Jaroszynska-Kirchmann, PAHA President and Program Committee Chair, at kirchmanna@easternct.edu. Please include the following information:

1. Name of the session organizer, professional affiliation and contact information.
2. Names of each session participant, professional affiliation, and contact information.
3. Titles and one-page proposals of presentations.
4. Media needs (note: due to the prohibitive costs of media rentals, those papers for which the media equipment is essential might be grouped together for a special session).

Deadline for proposals: May 1, 2007.

President Ford Was Sadowski Descendent

By Edward Pinkowski

Anthony Sadowski, the progenitor of the most famous Polish family in America, was an ancestor of Gerald R. Ford, the 38th president of the United States. Gerald R. Ford was the first person in the White House with Polish roots.

He was born Leslie King on July 14, 1913, in Omaha, Nebraska, the only child of Leslie and Dorothy Gardner King. His parents, who had been married on September 7, 1912, at Harvard, Illinois, were descended from Philip King, who came from Devonshire, England, in 1730, and Anthony Sadowski, who came from Poland about thirty years before King. (After Dorothy Gardener remarried, she renamed her son Gerald R. Ford. Jr. after his stepfather.)

The children of Anthony Sadowski were born in New Jersey and raised, from 1712 on, in Pennsylvania. Anna Sadowski married Increase Miller in Douglassville, in Berks County, Pennsylvania. Increase Miller was a sergeant in the New York militia during the American Revolution. Their daughter Keziah married Jesse Miller and moved to Tioga, New York. Jesse Miller, who had the same name as his father, married Rachel Seymour and moved to what is now Barrington, Illinois. Their daughter, Sarah (Sally), married Alexander Gardner, a Scottish immigrant. Their son, Levi Addison Gardner was the grandfather of President Ford.

It's amazing to see the similarities in the faces of Anthony Sadowski and Ford's 1942 Navy pictures. Whatever the medium, the impression was as honest and steadfast as a great burst of light. The noses, eyes, and broad foreheads, which are often seen in Polish faces, gave the carving on the Sadowski memorial and the Ford photograph—and, yes, the photograph of his mother, which I have seen in a newspaper—practically the same glow. For more information about the Sadowski clan, please look at the website: www.Poles.org.

New Student Paper Award

PAHA will award its annual **Graduate Research Paper Award**, designed to stimulate research into Polish-American history and culture and to recognize outstanding work by a young scholar in the humanities or social sciences. The award includes the opportunity to present the paper as part of the program of the Polish American Historical Association's Conference. The winner will receive a stipend of \$500.00 to offset costs associated with travel to the Conference. In addition the essay will be considered for publication in the PAHA journal, *Polish American Studies*. The Awards Committee solicits either direct submissions or faculty nominations of substantial original research papers, not longer than approximately 35 pages (ca. 9,000 words). The candidate for the award must be a graduate student at the time of the application or nomination. A current c.v. and a one page summary of the essay must accompany the submission.

Deadline: April 15, 2007 (Papers received after this date cannot be considered.) Announcement: on or about May 1, 2007. An electronic application in the Word format should be mailed to: Dr. Brian McCook, Chair of the PAHA Awards Committee (b.mccook@leedsmet.ac.uk).

Personalia

Hal Barstow is actively promoting the proposed voyage of Polish tall ship *Dar Mlodziezy*, the sail training vessel of the Gdynia Maritime University. The voyage will take place through summer 2009 in conjunction with tall ships regattas sponsored by the American Sail Training Association. For more information, contact Hal at (714) 281-1830 or email: halbar45@earthlink.net.

Don Binkowski is working on a manuscript *Tolerated but not Accepted: Polish American Officials of Michigan*. Don seeks any and all suggestions at don@binkowski.org.

M. B. Biskupski presented the keynote address, "Is Polish-Jewish Reconciliation Inevitable" at the "Divided Memory: Polish-Jewish Relations Outside Poland" Symposium at the Polish embassy in London. The conference was convened by the Institute for Polish-Jewish Studies.

John J. Bukowczyk, Nora Faires, David R. Smith, and Randy William Widdis, *Permeable Border: The Great Lakes Basin as Transnational Region, 1650-1990* (Pittsburgh: University of Pittsburgh Press, 2005), won the 2006 Albert B. Corey Prize, awarded biennially by the American Historical Association and the Canadian Historical Association for "the best book on Canadian-American relations or on the history of both countries." The award was formally presented at the annual meeting of the American Historical Association in Atlanta.

Piotr Skarga, Jesuit Academic High School of Nowy Sacz, Poland voted a special commendation for **Geraldine Balut Coleman** as a shining example of a true educator in a Jesuit school.

John A. Drobnicki (York College Library/CUNY) wrote an article on philanthropist Joan Kroc, published in Arnold Markoe (ed.), *The Scribner Encyclopedia of American Lives*, Vol. 7 (New York: Charles Scribner's Sons, 2007).

Mary Patrice Erdmans published "Polish Immigrants" in *The New Americans*, eds. Mary C. Waters and Reed Ueda. Cambridge: Harvard University Press (2006).

Joan Gancarski of Milton, Massachusetts was the guest chef on the local cable TV show, *Meet Me in the Kitchen*. Joan prepared golabki and a winter salad. She served the meal using dishes and stemware that she had collected while visiting family in Poland, and studying at the Jagiellonian University.

Regina Gorzkowski-Rossi promoted the "Hoover in Poland" exhibit as it made its way through the east coast. She was named Volunteer of the Year by Philadelphia's Parks Revitalization Project for her work on Pulaski Park. Gorzkowski-Rossi continues to contribute special supplements for Polonian newspapers.

Henry V. Janoski, MBA, CFA, CSA has rpublished a summary of his paper entitled "High Price/Earnings Ratios and the Stock Market: a Personal Odyssey" for *Ezine Articles*. It is available on the Internet at <http://ezinearticles.com/?High-Price/Earnings-Ratios-and-the-Stock-Market:-a-Personal-O>. It has also been translated into French, German, Italian, Japanese and other languages. Janoski is Senior Investment Advisor at Northeastern Financial Consultants, Inc. in Clarks Summit, Pennsylvania.

Personalia

Anna D. Jaroszynska-Kirchmann published "As If at a Public Meeting: Polish-American Letters to the Editor of *Ameryka-Echo*, 1922-1969," in *Letters across Borders: The Epistolary Practices of International Migrants*, ed. David A. Gerber et al., (Palgrave: 2006).

Alexander R. Koproski has been elected Chairman of the Board of The American Center of Polish Culture in Washington, DC. He is listed in *Who's Who in Finance*, *Who's Who in America* and *Who's Who in the World*.

Jerry Kruse and T. Hum contributed "Ethnic Crossroads" to *Ethnic Landscapes in an Urban World*, a volume Kruse co-edited with R. Hutchinson (Elsevier, 2007). He published "Visualizing Ethnic Vernacular Landscapes in American Cities" in *Community and Ecology* (Elsevier, 2006) and "The Blending of America" in *Race, Ethnicity, Gender, and Class* (Sage/Pine Forge, 2006). He also participated in the EU Transatlantic Security Roundtable, "Educating for Migrant Integration" at the University of Toronto.

David Laskin is writing a book about the American immigrant experience in the First World War (1914-1918). Laskin is looking for stories of Polish families who sent sons to fight in the U.S. Armed Forces or with Haller's Army. Please contact: David Laskin, 18757 Ridgefield Rd. NW, Seattle, WA 98177, tel. (206) 546-8856, email d.laskin@verizon.net.

Stephen M. Leahy married Yuh Ling Wen on February 16, 2007 in Appleton, Wisconsin.

Karen Majewski's article, "'We're ALL from Poland': Jews and Polish Immigrant Literature Before World War II," appeared in *Polin* vol.19 (2006). In November 2006, she presented a paper, "Polish Women's Groups in Chicago" at the Social Science History Association conference in Minneapolis, and in October 2006, she spoke at the Manistee, Michigan University of Michigan Alumni Club Writers Series. In May 2006, Majewski gave her very first paper entirely in Polish (talk about extreme public speaking!), "Pojmowanie Polskosci: Polska Literatura Imigracyjna i Tozsamosc" at the Commission of Polish American Educators conference in Houston. A feature on Majewski's role as first woman mayor of Hamtramck appeared in the University of Michigan's LS&A Magazine. As mayor, she's also been privileged to speak at a number of naturalization ceremonies around the Detroit area.

Anna Mazurkiewicz received an award from the National Centre for Culture (Narodowe Centrum Kultury) for her doctoral dissertation, entitled: "United States and Polish Parliamentary and Presidential Elections of 1947 and 1989."

Dr. Izydor B. Modelski died on October 16, 2006. Dr. Modelski served as an officer in the Polish Army 2nd Corps during the Second World War and Emeritus Professor from Kalamazoo Valley Community College.

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Polish American Historical
Association news!

Martin S. Nowak has begun contributing a monthly column called Ciekawostki to the *Polish American Journal*. It features an eclectic mix of interesting subjects related to Poland and Polish Americans.

Personalia

Justine Pas has received a 2006-07 Dissertation Research Grant from the Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture. Her review of *Mary Patrice Erdmans's* book, *The Grasiński Girls* will be published in the University of Kansas's American Studies Journal.

John T. Pawlikowski, OSM, published an article in *Commonweal* magazine (Feb. 9, 2007) on the challenges facing the Polish Church regarding clerical collaboration. He also participated in a conference at the Jagiellonian University and the Jewish Cultural Foundation in Krakow honoring the late Stanislaus Musial, S.J. and Rabbi Abraham Heschel. He also will speak at a conference commemorating the 60th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz.

Thaddeus Piotrowski received the Gold Medal Award for promoting Polish history and culture from the American Institute of Polish Culture on January 27, 2007, at the 35th International Polonaise Ball in Miami. The Ball was organized under the patronage of His Excellency the Ambassador of the Republic of Poland and Mrs. Janusz Reiter and was attended by distinguished personalities from the United States and Europe. Also, Professor Piotrowski's book, *Poland's Holocaust*, has been reissued in soft cover by McFarland.

Writer/editor **Barbara Proko** is working on *Worcester County's Polish Community*, her third photo history of Polonia for Arcadia Publishing's "Images of America" series. This title will cover Polish American life in an area broader than a single city. The 128-page book will offer approximately 225 photos, documents, maps, and other images of ten cities and towns with significant Polish settlement and heritage in Central Massachusetts. Publication is scheduled for Fall 2007.

James S. Pula published "Fighting for Time: Carl Schurz on the First Day at Gettysburg," *Gettysburg Magazine*, 35 (July 2006), and "The Second Great Awakening: Abolitionism in Oneida County," *Mohawk Valley History*, Vol. 2, No. 2.

Don Samull spent two months in Poland doing research and had a meeting with Cardinal Dziwisz. His 2007 calendar on the life of John Paul II was highlighted in the *Detroit Free Press*.

Since April, **Suzanne Strempek Shea** has been researching a book on Protestant churches in America. Having been raised Catholic, she literally was told the ceiling would fall on her if she ever entered any other type of church. She's both testing that theory and getting a great education about the rest of Christianity by attending Sunday services in churches from her Massachusetts home to Hawaii. She's happy to announce that 152-year-old Beacon Press will be publishing the resulting book, *Sundays in America*, in 2008.

Paul Silka, son of PAHA member **Henry Silka**, has completed his first year as Chief of Staff of Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, a leading hospital in Los Angeles. He is a board-certified emergency medicine physician and has been on the staff of the hospital's Emergency Department since 1992 and its associate director since 1998. Author of numerous academic papers on emergency medicine topics, he has received a variety of awards in recognition of his work at the hospital. An accomplished athlete (All-American Triathlete in 2003 for his age group), Dr. Silka lives with his wife, Alicia, and their three school-age daughters in Pacific Palisades.

Web Links of Interest

Did you know you can see pictures from Chicago's 2006 Taste of Polonia celebration at the Copernicus Foundation's website: www.copernicusfdn.org.

To keep up with virtual Polonia and other Polish organizations' web addresses and activities:

Log on to www.polishamericanstudies.org

and then press on the PAHA Links/Katalog Stron button.

The American Council for Polish Culture invites Polish American students to apply for its Pulaski Scholarships for Advanced Studies. Five \$5,000 scholarships to be awarded. For details see www.polishcultureacpc.org.

The Pilsudski Institute for Research in the Modern History of Poland has just published its first bilingual *Catalog of Collections*. The catalog is free to members or can be purchased by a donation of your choice. Please contact the Institute at 180 Second Avenue, New York, NY 10003, telephone 212-505-9077 or fax 212-505-9052. E-mail info@pilsudski.org.

Now Available

Polish Political Émigrés in the United States of America, 1831-1864 by Florian Stasik, translated by Eugene 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 at Central Connecticut State University, New Britain, CT 06050.

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Personalia

PAHA welcomes **Carla Tomaszewski**! Carla is the president and the owner of Poppyfield Press, promoting knowledge and appreciation of Polish culture, history, and traditions. She is a member of the Polish Heritage Association of Maryland and the graphic designer for the National Katyn Memorial, Inner Harbor East, Baltimore. She is also the graphic designer for Dialogue in Understanding Through Youth, promoting intercultural understanding between young Poles and Jews in America and abroad.

Wanda Slawinska contributed entries to *The Polonian Legacy of Western New York: Stories of the Lives, Accomplishments, and Contributions of Four Prominent Polish-Americans*. Ed. Edward R. Szemraj & Wanda Slawinska. (Buffalo: Canisius College, 2005), and *Encyclopedia of New York State*, (Syracuse: Syracuse University Press, 2005). Slawinska also gave a lecture titled "Poland and the European Union" at the Polish Arts Club of Buffalo.

Paul Valasek recently published his book *Haller's Polish Army in France*, dealing with Poland's recruitment of over 23,000 Poles in the United States and Canada to fight in France on the Western front during the First World War and eventually to establish Poland's eastern boundaries in what became the Polish-Soviet War. Contact author for ordering information at hallersarmy@aol.com.

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The Warsaw biweekly *Ruch Muzyczny* carried a two-part article about Alexander Brachocki (1897-1948) by Joseph A. Herter. Brachocki lived in Brooklyn's Greenpoint neighborhood while pursuing advanced schooling and performing in New York. He pursued further studies and performed in Poland before the outbreak of World War II. Ignacy Paderewski chose him for special piano study in Switzerland and he became a protege of Zygmunt Stojowski. **Joseph Wieczerszak** assisted Mr. Herter with research on Brachocki's earlier life, filling in information about his father, Joseph, longtime organist/choir conductor at Scranton's Most Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary Parish, as well as on his uncle, real estate broker Edward, a Greenpoint Polonia leader.

Legendary polka musician **Stas Wisniach** died at the age of 83 on January 12, 2007. As *PAHA Newsletter* editor, I get to meet some of you, and I had the special privilege of meeting Stas and his caretaker **Laurie Palazzolo**. After this single meeting, Stas, Laurie, and I frequently exchanged cards. I was always impressed with by Stas's kind heart. For more information on Stas's wonderful life, see http://museum.msu.edu/s-program/mh_awards/awards/2004SW.html.

PAHA welcomes **Marcin Zmudzki**! Marcin works as Senior Consultant at the consulting firm Booz Allen Hamilton. He also publishes short Polonian news items through his Polish Global Village email announcement list, updates his website at www.polishwashington.com and manages the Friends of Poland around the World online discussion forum. His latest project is the online store Things Polish to raise money for Polonia. At www.thingspolish.com, shoppers can easily find hundreds of books on Polish history and contemporary Poland, books by Polish American authors and translations of Polish literature, Polish cookbooks, children's books and magazines, and other Polish items.

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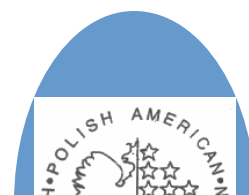
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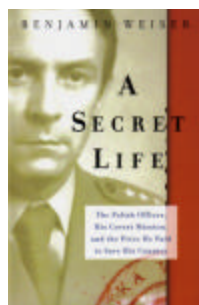
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