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Poland in the Rockies is an 11-day international educational program bringing together university students and distinguished speakers from Canada, the United States, Great Britain and Poland for an immersion in "things Polish."

Set in the beautiful Canadian Rocky Mountain town of Canmore, Alberta, **July 20-31, 2006**, *Poland in the Rockies* is a place for learning about Polish history and culture, for discussing contemporary issues and the Polish heritage, for making new friends and creating links with the world-wide Polish community.

The program, intensive and intellectually stimulating, includes class time, formal lectures, films, and discussions, both formal and informal. Communal meals, excursions, hikes and campfires, create a relaxed atmosphere of easy camaraderie.

The objective: to stimulate an interest among English-speaking Americans and Canadians in Polish history and culture through lectures, films, discussion and friendship; to create a network of well informed and dynamic friends of Poland; and to encourage Polish Americans and Polish Canadians to integrate their identity and "things Polish" into the mainstream of North American life.

Organized on a not-for-profit basis, by the Polish Canadian Association of Calgary in association with the Canadian Foundation for Polish Studies in Montreal, *Poland in the Rockies* has the support of many Polonia organizations and individual Polish Canadians and Americans. This support comes through sponsorship of students by funding full scholarships or by contributions towards a scholarship fund.

Student Sponsors: Organizations, businesses, professional groups, and individuals that contribute sufficient funds ($3500.00 Canadian) to cover the cost of at least one student to attend the program;

Friends of Poland in the Rockies – Any donation below the category of **Student Sponsor** is greatly appreciated and will be gratefully acknowledged.

We ask Polonia organizations, professional groups, businesses and individual Canadians and Americans to make an investment in our young people and make it possible to create a large scholarship fund.

Tax deductible contributions, clearly designated for the support of *Poland in the Rockies*, can be made to the Polish Institute of Arts and Sciences in Canada, 3479 Peel St., Montreal, Quebec H3A 1W7 (www.biblioteka.info) and PIASA in the United States, 208 East 30th Street, New York, NY 10016 (www.piasa.org). If a tax receipt is not required, please make donations to support *Poland in the Rockies* directly to the Polish Canadian Association of Calgary.

We also encourage organizations and individuals to create their own regional scholarships for *Poland in the Rockies* for qualified students from their own areas. Simply notify us that you have earmarked funds for a deserving applicant from your region and have the candidate submit his or her application. Such an initiative will help broaden the network of *Poland in the Rockies* alumni, add regional diversity, and strengthen local interest.

Scholarships are granted on the basis of a student's curriculum vitae, letters of reference, and the essay explaining the motivation for attending. A full scholarship includes tuition, accommodation (11 nights), three meals per day, transportation costs in Alberta, and group excursions. It does not include the cost of return airfare to Calgary.

For details, please see www.polandintherockies.com

Speakers for 2006

Mark Brzezinski is a Washington-based lawyer and specialist on Eastern Europe. A member of the National Security Council in the Clinton administration, Dr. Brzezinski plays an active role in American political life.

Marek Jan Chodakiewicz, who received his PhD from Columbia University, is a Research Professor of History at The Institute for World Politics in Washington DC. He is the author of many books and scholarly articles including *Between Nazis and Soviets: Occupation Politics in Poland 1939-1947; After the Holocaust: Polish-Jewish Conflict in the Wake of World War II;* and *Poland's Transformation: a Work in Progress*.

Menachem Daum is the co-director and producer, with Oren Rudavsky, of the acclaimed documentary *Hiding and Seeking*. Winner of the Grand Prix – Warsaw Jewish Film Festival and First Prize for a documentary and Best Inter-Faith Film of 2004, *Hiding and Seeking* is a profound examination of humanism and religion, centering on Polish-Jewish relations but addressing issues that are universal.

Professor **Karin Friedrich**, University of Aberdeen, is the author of *The Other Prussia: Royal Prussia, Poland and Liberty*.

Professor **Robert Frost** holds the Chair in Early Modern History at the University of Aberdeen. Professor Frost has published *After the Deluge: Poland-Lithuania and the Second Northern War* (Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, 1993) and is currently working on *The Oxford History of the Polish-Lithuanian Union 1385 - 1815* for Oxford University Press.

Professor **Bill Johnston** is Director of the Polish Studies Center at the University of Indiana in Bloomington. He teaches both Polish literature and the Polish language and is particularly interested in translating modern Polish literature. Among his published works to date are Andrzej Szczypiorski's *The Shadow Catcher* and *Self-Portrait with Woman*, Jerzy Pilch's *His Current Woman*, and Boleslaw Prus's *The Sins of Childhood and Other Stories*. He is currently working on a translation of short stories by Gustav Herling-Grudzinski. Professor Johnston will speak on the challenges of translating culture and discuss issues of identity.

Andrew Nagorski, Senior Editor at Newsweek International, is responsible for expanding Newsweek's network of foreign editions, the most recent being Newsweek Polska. Fluent in English, Polish, Russian and French, Mr. Nagorski, author of *The Birth of Freedom: Shaping Lives and Society in the New Eastern Europe* and a novel, *Last Stop Vienna*, has held the position of Newsweek Bureau Chief in Berlin, Moscow, and Warsaw, and served as correspondent in many parts of the world. From this broad perspective, Mr. Nagorski will discuss media and contemporary issues.

Eva Nagorski, writer and producer of *solidarity*, a 22-minute narrative film about loyalty and friendship in the context of the Solidarity era. A playwright, scriptwriter and translator, she co-authored with Janusz Glowacki the play, *No-Smoking Section,* and has translated several of his plays. She works in both English and Polish, and has been an assistant to Academy Award-winning director Andrzej Wajda.

Estanislao (Stan) Oziewicz is a journalist with The Globe and Mail, Canada's national newspaper based in Toronto, where he has worked as legislative reporter at Queen's Park and the Quebec Legislative Assembly, as China correspondent, assistant national editor, editor of the weekend *Focus* section and as an investigative reporter. He now writes on foreign affairs. Born in Argentina to Polish parents, where he was educated at St. Michael's College School, York University and Ryerson Polytechnic University as well as at l'Universite de Bordeaux, he speaks English, French, Polish and Mandarin. His work has also appeared in the Washington Post, the International Herald Tribune and the South China Morning Post.

Irene Tomaszewski is a writer and founding president of The Canadian Foundation for Polish Studies. Her book, *Inside a Gestapo Prison 1942-44: The Letters of Krystyna Wituska* is scheduled for publication by Wayne State University Press in May 2006. She co-authored *Zegota: The Council for Aid to Jews in Occupied Poland 1942-45* and wrote the screenplay for a documentary by the same title.

Professor **Tamara Trojanowska** is currently head of Polish Studies at the Department of Slavic Literatures and Languages. In this her second appearance at *Poland in the Rockies*, Professor Trojanowska will direct the cultural segment of Poland in the Rockies, presenting an overview of Polish literary and cultural history that is as interesting for those familiar with the subject as for those just being introduced to it.

Comments from participants in *Poland in the Rockies* 2004

Norman Davies:

"Poland in the Rockies" hit on exactly the right formula.

Krzysztof Zanussi:

Participating in PitR (Poland in the Rockies) provided me with an opportunity to meet a new generation of Polonia, one with a completely new way of doing things. This was a unique experience for me -- I had never attended a seminar where young people gathered to learn about Poland in a modern, critical way... The young people I met made a very favorable impression on me; they were thoughtful, critical, seeking information, -- It was obviously a well chosen group of young people with a bright future...
They were well prepared to reject negative anti-Polish stereotypes and to stand up to anyone belittling Poles or any other ethnic groups.

Student comments:

I wanted to thank you and all the people involved in organizing Poland in the Rockies... I must say that when I applied for the scholarship, I did not realize the scope of this event… Though it is difficult for me to judge if I made the most of this opportunity, I must say that your accomplishment in organizing Poland in the Rockies reawakened my zeal for involvement in matters of Polonia**.** ***M.B., Chicago***

The Poland in the Rockies program was rich and valuable. I became aware of certain elements of Polish history of which I was previously ignorant. For example, I had never encountered Żegota in my studies, nor did I know much about the extent of Polish deportations to the Soviet Union during World War II and the fate of those people. The high caliber of speakers… their eagerness to interact with us outside of their lectures, be it eating breakfast or sightseeing with us, and always being open to conversation... ***A.N., Edmonton***

This conference has had an impact on me I have yet to realize. I want to be involved in the Polish community, and I am also considering studying at Jagiellonian University after I graduate. B.B., Montreal

The quality of the speakers who were invited to Canmore, as well as the enthusiasm and commitment of all of the organizers present throughout the eleven days, were truly remarkable. It was difficult not to feel inspired by the passion of those who came to share their work with us. ... Please know that if there is anything that I can do to help secure the program's future I will be more than happy to help… Poland in the Rockies was a tremendous success and I personally enjoyed every moment of it. The history of Poland and the learning experience in general was invaluable. Overall, Poland in the Rockies was fantastic and I would do it again in a heartbeat. Thank you for having me. ***A.P., Toronto***

I was really pleasantly surprised by the level of professionalism, high quality of the speakers and organization, and overall quality of students. As the first such conference, it was more than successful, and I hope there will be more in the future as a result.

V.J., New Haven CT

.. the experience surpassed all expectations that I had prior to the program. Not only did I feel like I learned about my heritage and my identity as a Polish-Canadian, but it provided me the tools as well as the network to be able to further raise awareness about issues that are important to all Poles living in North America (both those born here and in Poland, now living here)… ***R.T. Montreal***