Six Wabash Students in Polish Studies and their Research: Wabash College’s Baltis Markowski, history major, discovered a dissertation on his research for his senior honors thesis, “The Family, Freemasonry and Death in Nineteenth Century Poland,” while researching in Russia. His dissertation research is now a unique and important contribution to this field of academic knowledge.

Annette Christine Arendt was named to the fellowship in 2005. Ms. Arendt, a doctoral student in the Department of Anthropology, is currently conducting a study of aging, health, memory, and identity among Polish immigrants in the United States. Her dissertation research, which focuses on Polish immigrants in Chicago and New York, provides an important perspective on the aging process in contemporary American society. She will be working on her dissertation during the 2005-2006 academic year.

Ms. Arendt is a graduate of the University of Michigan, where she completed her undergraduate studies in the Department of Sociology. Her dissertation research involves the use of qualitative methods, including in-depth interviews and participant observation, to understand the experiences of Polish immigrants in the United States. Her research contributes to our understanding of the challenges faced by immigrants as they navigate the complexities of their new lives in America.

In addition to her research, Ms. Arendt is actively involved in the Polish community in Chicago, serving as a volunteer for the Polish Community Center and participating in various cultural events. Her work has been recognized with numerous awards, including the Polish-American Chamber of Commerce’s Young Professional Award and the Polish-American Community Center’s Volunteer of the Year Award.

Ms. Arendt’s research has received support from various sources, including the National Science Foundation and the Ford Foundation. She is currently working on a book manuscript investigating the role of political institutions in the development of the Polish diaspora in the United States. Her work promises to make important contributions to our understanding of the experiences of Polish immigrants in America and the impact of their presence on American society.

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