After nearly a half-century of cutting-edge programming and dedicated instruction, the Copernicus Program in Polish Studies has been elevated by the University of Michigan College of Literature, Science, and the Arts to the Copernicus Center for Polish Studies!

The Nicolaus Copernicus Endowment was established in 1973 in cooperation with faculty, students, and the Polish Americans of Michigan who contributed generously with their time and financial assistance. It was recognized as a program in 2014, and is now entering a new phase as a full-fledged center.

The Copernicus Center will proudly pursue its mission by supporting faculty research and Polish language instruction, and by offering fellowships and internship opportunities for our students. We are also committed to continue bringing Poland to Ann Arbor through our active programming. The Annual Copernicus Lecture—established in 1980—is well-known for showcasing prominent academic, cultural, and political figures who advance our understanding of Polish affairs and demonstrate Poland’s growing significance in academia, the arts, and foreign affairs.

In the years to come, the Copernicus Center will continue to strengthen its relationships with Polish institutions and develop new ones. We were the first U.S. educational institution to sign an agreement with the POLIN Museum of the History of Polish Jews, and we work closely with NGOs, institutions of higher learning, cultural organizations, and U.S. agencies (such as Fulbright) to offer instruction and research opportunities for our students and faculty.

We are forever grateful for your loyal support. It is thanks to your enthusiasm and generosity that we are entering the next phase of our history. The future of Polish studies at Michigan is bright... STO LAT!

Geneviève Zubrzycki, Director
Professor of Sociology

FROM THE DIRECTOR

It is with great joy that I bring important news...
FALL 2019

September 20, 9:30 pm


Congratulations to students who graduated with minors in BA Economics; BA LSA; & Marine Engineering; BSE Naval Architecture and Engineering; Emily Lerner, BA LSA; Marine Engineering; Min-Han Nguyen, BSE Naval Architecture; Amelia Kulesa-Konopka Fellowship (2019): Catherine Szkop, Learman, Emily & Zbigniew Pasek.

Copernicus Summer Grants (2019):

Nora Dolliver, Graduate Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship in Russian, East European, & Eurasian Studies; 1010 Weiser Hall.

FALL EXHIBITION

October 4–November 29

Stony Endymion: Colleges, University of Michigan, International Gallery, 547 West Hall.

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November 11, 9:30 pm

Annual Copernicus Lecture: “Working Around, Against, and Without: An Artist’s Decision on Shifting Political Ground”

Artur Zmijewski, visual artist. Co-sponsors: Center for Russian, Eastern European, & Eurasian Studies, Stamps School of Art & Design, Semen Audunov, UMMA.

November 19, 4 pm

Panel, “Polish in Poland Past, Present, and Future” Benjamin Paloff, associate professor of Slavic languages & literatures and comparative literature, U-M. Kristyna Szymankiewicz, Frankel Institute Fellow, U-M, and assistant professor of Slavic studies, University of Wrocław; Geneviève Zubrzycki, professor of sociology and CCPS directors, U-M. 1055 Weiser Hall.

WINTER 2020

February 19, 5 pm

Annual Copernicus Lecture: Dorota Johnstone, author and poet.

1010 Weiser.

March 25, 12 pm


For further details about CCPS events, visit us at lapf.polish.umich.edu.

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