Undergraduate Students
The 2014 Excellence in Polish Language Award went to third-year student Sabrina Pursi. Congratulations to recent graduate Lydia Gaidys, who earned a B.A. in Polish from the Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures, in 2013.

Graduate Students
Alena Aminokhova (Slavic) worked in summer 2013 at the Adam Mickiewicz Institute and culture.pl, where she prepared the “Foreigner’s Guide to Polish Literature.”

Paulina Duda (Slavic) received a 2013 Konopczynski Endowment Grant to visit archives and libraries in Poland and England in a project investigating the status of the filmmaker in prewar Poland. She also held an internship for the Polish release of the film Girl Rising.

Rebecca Dziekan (CIES) received a summer Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) fellowship in 2013 to spend six weeks in Kraków studying Polish in the Piłsudski Language School, and also received a 2013-14 FLAS award to study Polish at U-M. She is currently completing her master’s thesis.

Karl Gaudyn is a new graduate student studying Polish and French traditions in the Department of Comparative Literature. Karl joined a B.A. from the University of Bialystok and an M.A. from Columbia. Welcome!

Jed Greg (Slavic) participated in two roundtable sessions at the 2013 ASILS conference. He helped organize the Rosomaczki series which included streamer workshop, the visit of Polish-Filmmaker Anna Febres, and selected film screenings.

Iwona Matusewicz (Slavic) wrote a play titled Thunder Wave and is currently working on a libretto for an opera titled Poland. She is also writing subtitles for the Polish release of the film Girl Rising.

Events
Winter 2015
February 4, 3:30 pm
An ancient Polish stage coach and a jazz trumpeter—Tomasz Stanko will be interviewed by Peter Michalowski and Stan Audhin, U-M Museum of Art, 5:30 pm. Now.

February 5, 7:00 pm
Concert: The Waxton Wapad Quartet performs for tickerton honors Concert Hall, 515 S. U. M. 804.

December 3, 12 pm
CMES New Lecture: “Polonization from Polish: Nauka Polska’s role in the promotion of Polish culture in Istanbul” by Agnieszka Pulska, assistant professor of anthropology, Institute of Social Studies, Polish Academy of Sciences, 1616 International Institute, 804 U. M. A

Polish Tatanka: Tomasz Stanko in conversation with the New Comma Baroque, 2:00 pm. For ticket information: kerrytownconcerthouse.com. Kerrytown Concert House, 202 S. Thayer St.

Annual Copernicus Lecture. February 4, 5:30 pm

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Summer Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship: Mark Adamaszek, Alena Aminokhova, Melissa Kosecka, Mark Lemanski

Polish Club organized a wide range of events during last year’s TrachtenJahr, including concerts, the Weltenblick Charity Ball. The club also co-sponsored the 2014 New Art Polish Festival and two concerts as well as the Winter Passing Camp of the Polish Language Association.
From the Director: U-M Formally Recognizes the Copernicus Program in Polish Studies

The Copernicus Program in Polish Studies (CPPS) was established in 1978 after forty years of activity and programs offered by the Nicolaus Copernicus Program. To celebrate the 40th anniversary of the great Polish astronomer’s birth, the endowment and a Polish program were launched in 1978 in cooperation with students, faculty, and the Polish Americans of Chicago who contributed their time, energy, and financial assistance. CPPS continues the tradition today by enabling faculty appointments, programming, and endowed fellowships in Polish Studies. It also organizes the Annual Copernicus Lecture – established in 1980 – which brings prominent academic, cultural, and political figures to campus to offer the public a deeper understanding of Poland’s people, culture, and history, as well as to greatly influence world academics, arts, and affairs.

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