

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Education

The University of Kansas 2009-2011

Master of Arts

Slavic Languages and Literatures

Specialization: Polish literature, culture and language

University of Kentucky 2005-2009

Bachelor of Arts, Summa Cum Laude

Russian Studies and German

Undergraduate thesis: "The Diary of Maryna Mnischeówna," translation and introduction

Study abroad, spring 2007, The University of Wrocław

Dean's List and Presidential Scholar recipient

Employment

The University of Kansas 2012-present

Department of Slavic Languages & Literatures Lecturer

The University of Kansas 2012-present

Department of Spanish & Portuguese Outreach Coordinator and Administrative Associate

The University of Warsaw 2011-2012

Institute of English English Teaching Assistant

The University of Kansas 2009-2011

Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures Graduate Teaching Assistant

Kentucky Educational Television 2007-2009

Distance Learning, German Department Tutor and Intern

Service

The University of Kansas

Faculty advisor to the student organization KU Polish Club

Assist with recruitment for Polish student at major fairs and other campus events

The Polish-US Fulbright Commission

Coordinator for the end-of-the-year conference, “Is Tomorrow Today: American Perspectives in Polish Education and Research”

EducationUSA Poland

Volunteer advisor and workshop leader for the Warsaw branch

Courses Taught

The University of Kansas

PLSH 104 – Elementary Polish 1

PLSH 108 – Elementary Polish 2

The University of Warsaw

Retoryka praktyczna (Debating)

Język angielski na poziomie zaawansowanym 1 & 2 (Advanced English Skills 1 & 2)

Fellowships, grants & awards

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| * Fulbright English Teaching Assistant Grant | 2011-2012 |
| * Joseph L. Conrad Memorial Fund | 2011 |
| * Phi Beta Kappa | inducted 2009 |
| * Gaines Fellowship in the Humanities | 2007-2009 |

Academic interests

Post-1989 Polish youth culture

Literary adaptation

20th and 21st century Polish literature

Almanca cinema

Languages

English – native

Polish – fluent

German and Russian – advanced

Turkish – basic knowledge

Conferences & presentations

“The Colorful People: Debate and the Young Pole”

Polish-US Fulbright Commission (Warsaw, Poland) 18-19 May 2012

“Opportunities in American Academia,” panel moderator and presenter

Akademia Muzyczna im. Karola Lipińskiego (Wrocław, Poland) 10 May 2012

“A Fulbrighter Ten Months On”

Polska Akademia Nauk (Warsaw, Poland) 26 April 2012

“American University Life” panel moderator and presenter

Akademia Sztuk Pięknych im. Jana Matejki (Kraków, Poland) 1 March 2012

“The American Undergraduate Experience”

Uniwersytet Warmińsko-Mazurski (Olsztyn, Poland) 15 December 2011

“The American Undergraduate Experience”

Uniwersytet Jagielloński (Kraków, Poland) 8 December 2011

“Studies in the USA” panel moderator and presenter.

Uniwersytet Warszawski (Warsaw, Poland) 14 November 2012

European Regional English Teaching Assistant workshop, participant (Sofia, Bulgaria)

9-12 November 2011

“American Student Life,”

I Liceum Ogólnokształcące im. Adama Mickiewicza (Białystok, Poland) 21 September 2011

“Życie na poziomie (The Classy Life): Underage Prostitution in Recent Polish Cinema”

The University of Kansas (Lawrence, KS) 25-27 August 2011.

“Życie na poziomie (The Classy Life): *Galerianki* and Youth Consumerism in Poland”

Brown University (Providence, RI) 14-15 April 2011.

“Language and Cultural Ostracism among Turkish-Germans in Fatih Akin’s *Gegen die Wand*”

The University of Kansas (Lawrence, KS) 18-19 February 2011.