RESOLUTION
designating
MIECZYSŁAW B. BISKUPSKI
to fill the
STANISLAUS A. BLEJWAS ENDOWED CHAIR
IN POLISH AND POLISH-AMERICAN STUDIES
at
CENTRAL CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY

July 19, 2002

WHEREAS, The Endowed Chair in Polish and Polish-American Studies at Central Connecticut State University, designated as the Stanislaus A. Blejwas Endowed Chair in Polish and Polish-American Studies in November 2001, has been vacant since the untimely death of its incumbent, Professor Stanislaus A. Blejwas, in September 2001, and

WHEREAS, The endowed chair should be filled by a scholar who has fulfilled the highest ideals of outstanding teaching, scholarly achievement and public service, and

WHEREAS, After a national search to fill the Chair, the President of Central Connecticut State University, Richard L. Judd, has recommended that the Stanislaus A. Blejwas Endowed Chair in Polish and Polish-American Studies be filled by Mieczysław B. Biskupski, and

WHEREAS, Dr. Biskupski holds the Ph.D. in History from Yale University and has engaged in postdoctoral study at universities in Poland, and currently serves as a Professor of History and a Graduate Professor of International Studies at St. John Fisher College, and

WHEREAS, Dr. Biskupski is the recipient of numerous honors and awards including placement on “The Honour Role of Polish Science” by the Ministry of Education of the Republic of Poland, the “Krzyż Oficerski, Order Zasługi” (The Officer’s Cross of Merit) by the Republic of Poland, a fellowship from the National Holocaust Museum, and a Fulbright Research Professorship at the Institute of History at the University of Warsaw, and

WHEREAS, Dr. Biskupski has published numerous articles and encyclopedia entries and currently has three books forthcoming, and is the editor of Polish American Studies, now therefore be it
RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees for the Connecticut State University System designates, Mieczyslaw Biskupski, Ph.D. to fill the Stanislaus A. Blejwas Endowed Chair in Polish and Polish-American Studies at Central Connecticut State University, effective August 26, 2002.

A Certified True Copy:

[Signature]
Lawrence D. McHugh, Chairman

[Signature]
William J. Cibes, Jr., Chancellor
ITEM

Professor Mieczyslaw B. Biskupski to fill the Stanislaus A. Blejwas Endowed Chair in Polish and Polish-American Studies at Central Connecticut State University

BACKGROUND

Under the provisions of Section 10a-20a of the Connecticut General Statutes, the Board of Governors of Higher Education may establish and administer an Endowed Chair Investment Fund. Section 10a-20a also provides that the Board of Trustees for the Connecticut State University System “shall select candidates to fill the endowed chair and shall develop a budget for expenditures associated with the chair.”

The Endowed Chair in Polish and Polish-American Studies chair at Central Connecticut State University has been vacant since the untimely death of its incumbent, Professor Stanislaus A. Blejwas, in September 2001. In November 2001, the Board of Trustees for the Connecticut State University System designated the Chair as the Stanislaus A. Blejwas Endowed Chair in Polish and Polish-American Studies.

ANALYSIS

After a national search, President Richard Judd of Central Connecticut State University has recommended that the endowed chair be filled by Mieczyslaw B. Biskupski, Ph.D. of St. John Fisher College.

Professor Biskupski holds a Ph.D. in History form Yale University and has taught at St. John Fisher College since 1984 where he holds the rank of Professor of History and Graduate Professor of International Studies. In addition to over 20 years as a faculty member, he has recently published a book on the History of Poland, has edited or authored eight other books and has three additional historical books forthcoming. His has published numerous scholarly journal articles and encyclopedia entries and has written and presented scholarly papers at professional meetings.

Professor Biskupski is also the recipient of many academic and national awards, including the Honour Role of Polish Science by the Polish Ministry of Education, the Officer’s Cross of Merit from the Polish Academy of Science, a Fulbright Research Professorship at the Institute of History at the University of Warsaw, and a fellowship from the National Holocaust Museum.

In accordance with the policy and procedure established by the Board of Trustees for selection and appointment, appropriate university faculty and staff and community members were involved in the interview and selection process.

CHANCELLOR'S RECOMMENDATION

Approve the recommendation that Dr. Mieczyslaw B. Biskupski fill the Stanislaus A. Blejwas Endowed Chair in Polish and Polish-American Studies at Central Connecticut State University.
MEMORANDUM

TO:  Dr. William J. Cibes, Jr.  
Chancellor, Connecticut State University System

FROM:  Richard L. Judd  
President

DATE:  June 3, 2002

SUBJECT:  Tenure Recommendation

This is to inform you that I have approved the recommendation to award tenure to Dr. Mieczyslaw B. Biskupski upon his appointment as the Stanislaus A. Blejwas Chair and Professor of Polish and Polish-American Studies at Central Connecticut State University effective August 26, 2002. The University’s Promotion and Tenure Committee has favorably recommended tenure to me in accordance with the expedited process approved by the AAUP and Board of Trustees. I would appreciate your presenting this to the Board of Trustees for their meeting of July 19. A curriculum vitae is enclosed.

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Enc.
Curriculum Vitae

M. B. Biskupski

EDUCATION:

Ph.D. History Yale University, 1981

M.Phil. History Yale University, 1975

M.A. History UCLA, 1972

B.A. Summa Cum Laude History UCLA, 1971

Departmental Honors

Postdoctoral Study:

Certificate for Polish Language Summer, 1991


ACADEMIC HONORS, FELLOWSHIPS, and DISTINCTIONS:

Awarded "Krzyz Oficerski, Order Zaslugi" (The Officer's Cross of the Order of Merit) by the Republic of Poland on the nomination of the Polish Academy of Sciences for scholarly accomplishments, Kraków, June, 2000.


Trustees Distinguished Scholar Award, St. John Fisher College, 2001.


Dean's Teacher-Scholar Citation, St. John Fisher College, 1996

Trustees Distinguished Scholar Award, St. John Fisher College, 1995

Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, East European Program, Research Fellowship (Topic: East European Immigrants and Espionage in Wartime America, 1914-1918)

NEH Travel to Collections Fellowship (Topic: Hoover Institution holdings re Poland and US policy towards Europe, 1919-21)

Kosciuszko Foundation International Travel Grant

Immigration History Research Center (University of Minnesota) Fellowship (Topic: Political Culture among Polish immigrants in US before 1921)


Presidential Fellowship and Faculty Development Grant, St. John Fisher College, 1994

Academic Development Fellowship, Millersville University

Research Grant, Council on Russian and East European Studies, Yale University

Fulbright-Hays Dissertation Fellow

International Studies Association-Ford Foundation Dissertation Fellow

Yale University Graduate Fellow
Fellow, Cooperative Slavic Institute, University of Illinois

Graduated Summa Cum Laude, elected to Phi Beta Kappa

Listings:
Who's Who in the East
Who's Who in American Education
Who's Who in American Polonia
Men of Achievement

TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

Graduate Professor of International Studies, St. John Fisher College, 1997-.

Visiting Professor of History, University of Rochester, 1997

Fulbright Research Professor, Institute of History, University of Warsaw, 1995.

Visiting Professor of Political Science, University of Rochester, 1994-1995.

Associate to Professor of History, St John Fisher College, 1984-.

Assistant Professor of History, Millersville University, 1981-1984.
Member of the Graduate Faculty

Lecturer in History, Yale University, 1981.

TEACHING FIELDS:
East Central Europe, especially Poland; Balkan, Byzantine, and Ottoman history; Modern Europe; Russian history; International Relations; Security, Espionage, and Military Studies; Historical theory and methodology

PUBLICATIONS:

Books

The Culture and Customs of Poland. Westport, CT: Greenwood-Praeger Publishers, Forthcoming.


Ideology, Politics, and Diplomacy: Essays on East Central Europe in Honor of Piotr S. Wandycz (New Haven: Yale Center on Russian and East European Studies, Forthcoming) Co-Editor and co-author.


Articles


“Anglojęzyczna historiografia ruchu powstaniowego w Polsce 1794-1864” in Ruch powstaniowy w Polsce, 1794-1864 (Lublin: Towarzystwo Naukowe KUL, Forthcoming).

“Suffering Serbia, Martyred Belgium, and Starving Poland: War, Politics, and Relief, 1914-1918” in Ideology, Politics and Diplomacy, Forthcoming.


“Polska diaspora w Stanach Zjednoczonych, 1914-1939” in Adam Walaszek, ed., Diaspora polska (Kraków: Wydawnictwo Literackie, 2001), 77-90.1


1 A revised and expanded version of this essay will be printed in the English-language edition of the volume to be published by the University of Rochester Press in 2002.


“Wilson, Paderewski, and the “Polish Question”: Eugene Kusielewicz’s Historical Works”, *Polish American Studies*, Vol. LVI, No. 1 (Spring, 1999), 69-78


"Kosciuszko, We Are Here?": American Volunteers for Poland and the Polish-Russian War, 1918-1920," in *Pastor of the Poles: Polish-American Essays*, 182-204.


Encyclopedia Entries


Pedagogical and Semi-Scholarly Works


Reviews

American Historical Review


**Canadian American Slavic Studies**


**East Central Europe**


European History Quarterly

Pierre de Senarclens, Yalta, 120-121.

Europe-Asia Studies


International History Review


Jahrbücher für Geschichte Osteuropas

Hans Henning Hahn and Michael G. Muller, eds., *Gesellschaft und Staat in Polen: Historische Aspekte der polnischen Krise*.


Journal of American History


Nationalities Papers


Polish American Studies

Susan Cotts Watkins, ed., *After Ellis Island: Newcomers and Natives in the 1910 Census*. Forthcoming


Polish Review


**Russian Review**


**Slavic Review**


**Published Translations**

“Confoederatio Generalis Varsoviae” (The General Confederation of Warsaw) in *Polish Democratic Thought from the Renaissance to the Great Emigration* [q.v.], 131-136.
“Polaniec Manifesto” in *Polish Democratic Thought from the Renaissance to the Great Emigration* [q.v.], 189-198.

“Dziedzictwo językowe Rzeczypospolitej Obojga Narodów we współczesnej polszczyźnie” (“The Linguistic Heritage of the Polish Commonwealth”) by Zbigniew Golab, in *Poland and Europe: Historical Dimensions* [q.v.], 1993

**EDITORIAL EXPERIENCE:**

Managing Editor, Poland, *East Central Europe*, 1984-94.


Associate Editor.


*Polish American Studies*, 1996-.

**PAPERS PRESENTED**
Scholarly Papers


“The United States and the Rebirth of Poland, 1918: A Reconsideration after Eighty Years”, Symposium on the Anniversary of the Reconstruction of Poland, University of Toronto, 1998.


“The Polish Political Background to Bishop Hodur’s Polish National Catholic Church”. Conference of Scholars, Polish National Catholic Church History and Archives Commission, 1991.


“Herbert Hoover and the Relief of Poland”. Duquesne University History Forum, 1983.


Semi-Scholarly Presentations: A Selection


WORKS IN PROGRESS:

The Origins of the Polish Third Republic: Polish Democratic Thought Since 1864.

Book-length collection of essays and documents with contributions by Polish, American, and Canadian scholars. A publisher is now being solicited.

The United States and the Restoration of Poland, 1914-1918.

Virtually completed book-length monograph.


MS in progress.

The Senator from Honolulu: The Career of a Polish "Scoundrel"

MS in progress.

"Disease and Politics: The Destruction of Serbia during World War I"

Article

"The Evolution of Agrarian Populist Politics in Poland"
FOREIGN LANGUAGE ABILITIES:

Polish, German, French, Serbo-Croatian, Bulgarian, Russian, Ukrainian, Czech and Slovak, Italian, Spanish, and Latin. Some knowledge of Hungarian and Romanian.

REFERENCES:

Prof. P. S. Wandycz, Bradford Durfee Professor of History (emeritus), Department of History, Yale University, New Haven, CT

Prof. Piotr Wróbel, Konstanty Reynart Chair of Polish Studies, History Department, University of Toronto, Toronto, Ontario, Canada

Prof. John Micgjel, Director, Institute on East Central Europe, Columbia University, New York, New York

Prof. Donald E. Bain, Ph.D., Provost and Dean of Faculty, St. John Fisher College, Rochester, NY.
Prof. James A. Pula, Ph.D., Dean of Graduate Study, Utica College, Utica, New York

Prof. Anna Cieniala, Ph.D., Department of History, University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS

Prof. Adam Walaszek, Professor of History, Jagiellonian University, Kraków, Poland

Prof. Neal Pease, Ph.D., Department of History, University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Prof. Paul Knoll, Chair, Department of History, Univ. of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA.

Prof. Lech Trzeciakowski, Director, Institute on Modern Europe, University of Poznan, Poznan, Poland.
June 12, 2002

Dr. William J. Cibes, Jr., Chancellor
Connecticut State University System
39 Woodland Street
Hartford, CT 06105

Dear Bill:

As you know, it was with great sadness that we lost Dr. Stanislaus Blejwas, the holder of the Chair of Polish and Polish-American Studies at Central Connecticut State University. After a national search, I am pleased to recommend Dr. Mieczyslaw B. Biskupski to fill that position beginning September 2002.

Dr. Biskupski comes to us with exceptional credentials. He holds a Ph.D. in History from Yale University and has engaged in postdoctoral study at Jagiellonian University and the University of Wroclaw. He comes to Central from St. John Fisher College where he is a Professor of History and a Graduate Professor of International Studies. Among his many honors, Dr. Biskupski was placed on "The Honour Role of Polish Science" by the Ministry of Education of the Republic of Poland in 2001. In addition he was awarded "Krzyz Oficerski, Order Zaslugi" (The Officer's Cross of Merit) by the Republic of Poland on the nomination of the Polish Academy of Sciences for scholarly accomplishments in Krakow in June 2000. He has been honored with a fellowship from the National Holocaust Museum and has had a Fulbright Research Professorship at the Institute of History at the University of Warsaw. In short, he is recognized as a world-class scholar.

Besides extensive teaching experience, Dr. Biskupski has multiple publications. In addition to The History of Poland published by Greenwood-Praeger Publishers in 2000, he has three books that are forthcoming. The Culture and Customs of Poland is forthcoming from Greenwood-Praeger Publishers; Poland's Ethnic Communities is forthcoming from ABC-Clio Publishers and the Ideology, Politics and Diplomacy: Essays on East Central Europe in Honor of Piotr S. Wandycz is forthcoming from the Yale Center on Russian and East European Studies. Dr. Biskupski has an extensive listing of
published articles and encyclopedia entries. Besides his many scholarly presentations, Dr. Biskupski is the current editor of *Polish American Studies*.

The interview process involved faculty from the History Department, where this chair will be housed, and many others on our campus plus area community members. Besides these review processes, the University Promotion and Tenure Committee reviewed Dr. Biskupski’s materials and has recommended that he be awarded a tenured position at Central Connecticut State University.

It is with great pleasure that I bring Dr. Biskupski’s name forward for appointment to the Stanislaus Blejwas Chair of Polish and Polish-American Studies. I am convinced that he will continue the fine tradition of this Chair at Central.

Sincerely,

Richard L. Judd
President

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   D. Munroe
   J. Higgins
   H. Prescott
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