RESOLUTION

concerning

AWARD OF THE TITLE

CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR

April 7, 1989

WHEREAS, The faculty of Central Connecticut State University has recommended Professor Stanislaus Blejwas for the title of Connecticut State University Professor, and

WHEREAS, The President of Central Connecticut State University, John Shumaker, has recommended award of the title to Professor Blejwas, Connecticut State University President Beal concurring, and

WHEREAS, Professor Blejwas has served Central Connecticut State University for many years in the History Department developing a Polish Studies Program and serving as its Director while fulfilling the highest ideals of outstanding teaching, scholarly achievement and public service, and

WHEREAS, Professor Blejwas was instrumental as project director for the National Historical Publications and Records Commission of the National Archives in securing the organization and development of the Connecticut Polish American Archives and Manuscript Collection at Central Connecticut State University, and

WHEREAS, Professor Blejwas also developed, organized, and co-produced the well-received documentary, "Polish Survivors of the Holocaust," a five-part program broadcast on the Connecticut Public Radio, and

WHEREAS, Professor Blejwas has been recognized by peers in the field for professional excellence, now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the title, Connecticut State University Professor, is herewith awarded by the Board of Trustees to Stanislaus Blejwas of Central Connecticut State University pursuant to the BOT/AAUP Agreement, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the salary of CSU Professor Stanislaus Blejwas shall be adjusted to 1.10 times his base salary, effective April 7, 1989.

A Certified True Copy:

L. J. Davidson
Chairperson

President
MEMORANDUM

TO: Dallas K. Beal, President
    Connecticut State University

FROM: John W. Shumaker
      President

SUBJ: CSU Professor

January 31, 1989

I am extremely pleased to forward to you the recommendation of the faculty at Central Connecticut State University that Professor Stanislaus Blejwas of our Department of History be Central Connecticut's first nominee for a CSU Professorship.

A faculty committee appointed according to the guidelines specified in the AAUP/BOT contracts recommended Professor Blejwas to me. I believe he is fully deserving of this special honor and is an ideal candidate for the first CSU Professorship.

Professor Blejwas has served the University for many years as a Director of our Polish Studies Program and as a Professor of History. He has built the Polish Studies Program into a model community based academic activity. In doing so he has generated tremendous public support for Central Connecticut State University.

At the same time, Professor Blejwas has been extraordinarily active as a scholar and teacher. As you will note in his attached resume, he is a prolific writer and speaker. His scholarly achievements reflect his dedication to the field of Polish Studies. Moreover, he is an outstanding teacher who inspires students to study topics in depth and with great intellectual care. Because of his outstanding record in public service, scholarship, teaching, and university service, he represents the paradigm of what a Connecticut State University professor should be.

Professor Blejwas is a great asset to the University and will wear the title of CSU Professorship with honor and dignity.

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Attachment
cc: Vice President Richard Pattenaude
    Dean George Clarke
    Professor Ross Baiera
    Professor Stanislaus Blejwas
Education:

M.A. in History and Certificate of the Institute on East Central Europe, May, 1966  
Ph.D. in Modern East European and Polish History, May, 1973  

1967-1968 University of Warsaw, Warsaw, Poland.
1969-1970 Dissertation Research

1959-1963 Providence College, Providence, Rhode Island  

College Preparatory Degree

University Administrative Experience:

Coordinator of Polish Studies (1984-present), Central Connecticut State University, New Britain, CT.

Basic duties include teaching two Polish (history, political science, literature, or Polish American history) courses a semester, and coordinating the Polish Studies Program.

Duties of Coordinator: organizing and promoting evening lectures, films, and cultural activities (over 120 events in a fifteen year period); developing the University's Polish Heritage Collection (the collection has increased from 50 to over 6,000 catalogues books and periodicals); maintaining liaison with the Connecticut Polish American community; and fund raising (The Copernican Polish Heritage Endowment Fund has grown from $4,500 to over $80,000. Additionally, a separate Martin & Sophie Grzyb Prize for Excellence In Polish Studies, with a principal of $5,000, has been established, as well as the Annual Fiedorczyk Lecture in Polish American Studies ($10,000 Endowment) and the Rudewicz Endowment ($5,000) for the support of the Connecticut Polish American Archives and Manuscript Collection.)
The Coordinator prepares an annual report, which is presented to the Polish Studies Advisory Committee (Executive Dean of Development, the Dean of Arts and Sciences, the Coordinator, and four members of the Polish community - Monsignor John P. Wodarski, Mr. Stanley Pac, Connecticut Commissioner of Environmental Protection, Mr. Theodore S. Kolzak, President of the Coleman Corporation, and Atty. Walter Kozloski of New Britain).

The Coordinator's fund-raising activities include the preparation and distribution of publicity materials; personal meetings with potential donors; deposit and acknowledgment of gifts; the listing of donors in the annual Polish_Studies_Program_Newsletter; and arranging for the engraving and the addition of nameplates to the plaque for Polish Studies in the University library, which was unveiled in November, 1984.

Chairperson (1982-1986) of the University-wide Curriculum Committee

The Committee continually reviews and approves curriculum and academic program. There are 48 members of the Committee, which has six sub-committees. The Committee and its sub-committees meet regularly six times during the academic year.

The Chairperson's responsibilities include establishing and distributing the agenda; attendance at sub-committee meetings; chairing the full-committee meetings; organizing ad hoc committees as mandated by the Faculty Senate; preparing and distributing to the entire faculty the report of the full Committee; and presenting for approval the Committee report before the Faculty Senate. The Chair is assisted by a Recording Secretary and an Administrative Secretary.

The Curriculum Committee, next to the Faculty Senate, is the major faculty committee at the University.

Member (1985-1986 academic year) of the University Tenure and Promotion Committee.

The Committee reviews applications, interviews the candidates, and recommends to the President for tenure and promotion. This year 70 applications were reviewed.

Project Director (1986-1987) of a one-year grant ($59,000) for the National Historical Publications and Records Commission of the National Archives for the organizing and development of the Connecticut Polish American Archives and Manuscript Collection. The Project Director organized and wrote the grant application; obtained the approval of the necessary University administrators and of the state archivist; arranged for the advertisement of the two
grant-funded positions; and interviewed, together with the library director and assistant director, and hired the grant staff (Field Director and Archival Assistant). The Project Director will be responsible for overseeing the project staff; arranging contacts for the donation of new materials; promoting the CPAAMC (production of brochure and newspaper articles, and organizing a Community Advisory Committee); filing quarterly and final reports; and overseeing the production and distribution of a catalogue for the CPAAMC.

In 1987 successfully lobbied for state ($25,000) and private ($7,000) funds for the CPAAMC. In 1988 successfully lobbied for the funding of two line-item positions for the CPAAMC with a total allocation of $63,000.

**Project Director** (1980-1982) of an oral history project, "Polish Survivors of the Holocaust."

The Project Director organized and wrote the grant application, which was funded by the Connecticut Humanities Council for $16,000; hired the Project Staff (a full-time bi-lingual typist-transcriber; two part-time bi-lingual interviewers; and a volunteer interviewer); and, together with a producer from Connecticut Public Radio, edited the materials and prepared a five-part program which was broadcast on the CPR in April, 1982.

The Project Director organized and coordinated staff meetings; arranged interviews and equipment for the interviewers; oversaw the transcription of interviews; prepared and filed the interim and the final reports; and co-produced the radio documentary.

**Editor, Polish Studies Monographs** (1982-present).

Established the monographic series, and organized and co-edited the first volume. Managed the entire project from soliciting essays and subscribers, arranging type-setting and book production, to distribution, publicity and sales.

**Assistant Director, Institute on East Central Europe, Columbia University, 1970-1974.**

Duties as Assistant Director included planning and management of annual $50,000 budget; editing and publication of Institute’s annual Newsletter; student advising; assisting in the preparation and drafting of grant proposals (Ford Foundation, Jurzykowski Foundation, Greek Archdioceses of North and South America, and Volkswagen Foundation); administrative support for conferences; and scheduling of lecturers and visiting faculty fellows.

Additional responsibilities also included the compilation
Professional and Community Administrative Experience:

**President**, Polish American Historical Association (1986). Duties include arranging mid-year Executive Committee meeting; preparing program for annual business and academic meeting in December; liaison with the American Historical Association; answering correspondence; appointing chairs of standing committees, and journal editor; and overseeing publication and finances.


Organizing monthly, quarterly, and annual meetings for state-wide Polish American umbrella organization with 125 organizational and individual members. Duties include liaison with Connecticut Senate and Congressional delegation; contact with media; organizing annual picnic and 40th anniversary banquet-fund raiser (435 guests); and liaison with national PAC. Also convinced the members to purchase a computer for membership records and mailings.

**Individual Group Leader and Director** of Kosciuszko Foundation Summer Polish Language and Culture Program, Jagiellonian University, Cracow, Poland, July-August, 1973-1978, and Folk Art Program, Copernicus University, Torun, Poland, July-August, 1978.

Responsibility for student groups ranging in size from 60 to 125 individuals. Duties included liaison with the Polish side, assuring student participation in program activities, answering student questions, lecturing on Polish and Polish American history, and preparing an evaluation at the end of each program for the Kosciuszko Foundation.

Teaching Experience:

Assistant (1974-1979), Associate (1979-1984), and Professor of History (1984-present), Central Connecticut State University, New Britain, CT. Courses in Polish history, literature, politics, and on Poles in America, as well as Western Civilization.

Visiting Adjunct Associate Professor of History, Columbia University, Fall, 1984 and Fall, 1985. "History of Modern Poland."

Director, five-part seminar on Poland for Pomperaug Regional High School, Southbury, CT. November-December, 1982.

Visiting Associate Professor of History, Wesleyan

Visiting Associate Professor of History, Hartford College for Women, Hartford, CT. June, 1982. Mini-course—"Poland before the Headlines: The Roots of Solidarity."

Visiting Associate Professor of History, Wesleyan University Graduate Liberal Studies Program, Middletown, CT. Spring and Summer, 1980. "The History and Culture of Polish Americans."


Visiting Assistant Professor of History, Alliance College, Cambridge Springs, PA. Spring (Mini-course) and Fall, 1973. History of Poland.


Publications:

Books:


Articles:
In Progress: "Columbia University Concedes to the Cold War: The Adam Mickiewicz Chair of Polish Culture (1948 - 1954)."


"Polish Americans and the Media Presentation of the Holocaust". Forthcoming as part of the proceedings of the International Conference on the History and Culture of Polish Jews, the Hebrew University, Jerusalem, Israel. February, 1988.

Annotated (20 pages of footnotes) the New England chapter of Waclaw Kruszka, Historya Polska w Ameryce, which was originally published in 1908. It is currently being translated and annotated under the auspices of the Polish American Historical Association in preparation for publication (1989-90) by University Presses of America.


"'Equal with Equals': The Polish National Catholic Church and the Founding of the Polish American Congress," Polish American Studies, XLIV, Nr. 2 (Autumn, 1987), pp. 5-23.


"Patriotism Misunderstood - Warsaw Positivism,


"Hartford's Polonia," to be published as part of the Ethnic History Project of the Hartford Public Schools.


"The Historiography of Organic Work," Surabu Kenkyu (Slavic Studies, 1974, 191-205. (The Slavic Institute, Sapporo, Japan). This paper was originally delivered at the Second Congress of the Polish Institute of Arts and Sciences in America, New York, April, 1971.


Pedagogical materials:


East Central European Studies: A Graduate Students Guide (Columbus, Ohio: American Association for the Advancement
Journalistic Essays:


"Father Popieluszko is Remembered," The Catholic Transcript, November 1, 1985, 1.

"Religious Liberty is a Stranger in Lithuania under Soviet Rule," The Hartford Courant, May 16, 1985. Also published as "Religious freedom through rose-colored glasses," The Polish American, IV, Nr. 5 (May, 1985), 11.

"Reverend Jerzy Popieluszko," The Polish American, IV, Nr. 2 (February, 1985), 8.


"Holocaust Illiteracy." The Polish American, III, No. 6 (June, 1983), 12-6. Also published in New Horizon - Polish American Review, IX, Nrs. 4-6 (June-August, 1983), 7, 15; and Perspectives, XIII, Nr. 5 (September-October, 1983), 257, 260-3.


"Can the Army Rule?" The Hartford Courant, December 16, 1981.

"Stefan Wyszynski - The Shepherd of Poland." The Hartford Courant, June 1, 1981.

"'Fighting Poland’-A Nation Confident in its Renewal." The Hartford Courant, January 2, 1981.

"Building a Second Poland." The Hartford Courant, August 24, 1980.

"It Began in Poland: The Month was September." The Hartford Courant, September 3, 1979. With Dr. Michael A. Peszke.

Book Reviews:

Daniel Beauvois. Le noble, le serf et le revizor: la


Ewa Morawska. For Bread with Butter. The Life-Works of East Central Europeans in Johnston, Pennsylvania, 1890-1940.


Vol. 58, Nr. 3 (1986).


Conferences, Papers, and Lecturers:


Led film and discussion group on Immigration and Ethnicity at the New Britain Public Library on a grant from the Connecticut Humanities Council. April 5, 12, 26, and May 3, 1988.


Commentator on panel, "Poland and the Holocaust of World War II," at the Annual Meeting of the Polish Institute of Arts and Sciences in America. New York City, May 18, 1985.


Delivered a talk, "Holocaust Illiteracy," at a conference sponsored by the New Jersey Division of the Polish American Congress at Seton Hall University, January 12, 1985.


Moderator of panel - "Sophie’s Choice," held at the annual meeting of the Polish Institute of Arts and Science in America, New York City, May 7, 1983.


Participant in panel discussion on Polish Studies in America at the annual meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Polish Studies, Washington, D.C., October 15, 1982.


"The Local Ethnic Lobby: The Polish American Congress at the Grassroots (Connecticut)," a paper presented at "Poles in North America: an International Conference on the History of the Polish Immigration to North America,"
sponsored by the Multicultural History Society of Ontario and the University of Toronto, Ethnic and Immigration Studies Program, Toronto, Ontario, October 24, 1980.


"Organic Work in Russian Poland," a paper read at the annual Meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies, New Haven, CT., October, 1979.

"Old and New American Polonias - Tensions Within an Ethnic Community 1945-56" (revised version), a paper read at a joint Polish American symposium in Cracow, Poland (July, 1979) sponsored by the Polonia Research Institute, Jagiellonian University and the Kosciuszko Foundation.


Invited Participant in the Exploratory Meeting for "A National Conference on Polish American Cultural Affairs, Washington, D. C., May 12, 1979." This meeting was organized by the American Council of Polish Cultural Clubs and included 18 invited participants.

"They Missed the Mayflower: Approaches to Ethnicity." Panelist at the Third Annual Conference on College Teaching of State and Community History (March 22-25, 1979), sponsored by the Newberry Library, Chicago, Illinois.


"Polish Americans: An Unmeltable Group?" delivered on April 6, 1977 as a part of a lecture series, "Ethnicity and Human Values in a Mass Society, sponsored by the Department of
Sociology, The University of Rhode Island.

"Needs of the Polish American Community," at a panel with Karol Cardinal Wojtyla, Metropolitan of Cracow, Poland, held at the Kosciuszko Foundation, on September 4, 1976, New York, N. Y.


"The Strategy of Polish Studies," at the annual meeting of the Polish American Historical Association, Atlanta, Georgia, December, 1975, a paper.

Chairman, one-day panel on "Dissent, Minorities, and Prospect for Liberalization of the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe," organized by the Connecticut State Colleges Committee on Soviet and East European Studies, April, 1975.

Commentator on a panel of inter-war American trade, Annual Meeting of the Polish American Historical Association, December 1975.


*Lectures and talks at Greater Hartford Community College, New York University, Union College, The University of Rhode Island, The University of Massachusetts, Northwest Community College, St. John Fisher College (Rochester, N. Y.), Harvard, and before various local and professional, ethnic, religious and social groups in Connecticut, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New York and New Jersey.

Professional and Cultural Organizations:

American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies; the Polish Institute of Arts and Sciences in America; the Polish American Historical Association; Association for the Study of Connecticut History; the American Council of Polish Cultural Clubs; and the Kosciuszko Foundation.
Activities:

Polish Institute - Board of Directors, 1983-1989

Polish American Historical Association:


Association for the Study of Connecticut History - member of Editorial Board of *Connecticut History*.

Community Organizations:

Polish American Congress, Connecticut District.
Member of the Cultural Committee and Chairman of the Cultural Committee, 1974/75 - present. President, 1983-7.

Polish University Club of Connecticut.

Polish Professional and Businessmen Association of New Britain, Connecticut.


Solidarity International of Connecticut, Inc.

Rysy Ski Club.


Academic Honors, Fellowships and Awards

Summa cum laude, Providence College, 1963.


Fulbright-Hays Fellowship to Poland, 1967-1968.

International Research and Exchange Board (IREX) to Poland, 1969-1970.

The Kosciuszko Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Award, 1974.

Grant ($16,000) from the Connecticut Humanities Council (1980) for an oral history project - Polish Survivors of the Holocaust. This oral history documentary was aired on Connecticut Public Radio in April, 1982.


Fellowship for NEH Seminar on Immigrant and Ethnic Literature at the University of Massachusetts (Amherst), June-August, 1982.

Grant ($59,000) from the National Historical Publications and

Honorary Fellow of the University of Minnesota's Immigration History Research Center. June, 1986.


Community Awards:


Cultural Achievement Award from the American Council of Polish Cultural Clubs. August, 1988.

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Age: 47.
Marital Status: Married with one daughter and one son.
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