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PROGRAM
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2018

9:00–9:35  WELCOME

9:40–10:15  KEYNOTE ADDRESS
John Bukowczyk, PAHA within the field of United States’ ethnic history - past, present and future

Chair: Anna Jaroszyńska-Kirchmann
- A Brief History of PAS – James S. Pula
- Labor and Working Class – Dominic A. Pacyga
- Polonia’s Organizations – Donald Pienkos
- Gender and Family – Mary P. Erdmans
- Literature – Grażyna Kozaczka
- Study of American Polonia and Scholars in Poland – Adam Walaszek

12:30–13:50  LUNCH BREAK

14:00–15:20  YOUNG SCHOLARS & NEW TOPICS FORUM
Chair: Dorota Praszałowicz

15:30–16:50  PAHA’S NEW PROJECTS
Chair: Neal Pease
- PAHA’s communication media, challenges and opportunities of the digital age – Maja Trochimczyk & Stephen Leahy
- PAHA and Polish American Community – Joint Projects: Polish American Travel Guide; Memoirs Project; Objects that Speak; Teaching Resources – panel discussion (Anna Jaroszyńska-Kirchmann, Ewa Barczyk, Anna Muller, Anna Mazurkiewicz)

18:00  BANQUET AT THE POLISH CONSULATE, CHICAGO
(Prior registration required)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2018

9:00–11:00  POLISH AMERICAN HISTORY IN MUSEUMS
Chair: Dominic A. Pacyga; Discussant: Anna Muller
- The Polish Museum of America, Chicago – Małgorzata Kot
- Polish History Museum, Warsaw – Anna Piekarska
- Chicago History Museum, Chicago – John Russick
- Emigration Museum, Gdynia – Sebastian Tyarakowski
- Józef Piłsudski Institute of America, New York – Iwona Korga

11:15–12:45  CONCURRENT EVENTS
  a) LOYOLA ARCHIVE TOUR with Nancy Freeman
  b) FILM SCREENING

13:00–14:00  LUNCH BREAK

14:00–15:00  PAHA 2018 HALECKI BOOK PRIZE

15:00–17:00  POLONIA ROUNDTABLE ON THE ADVANCEMENT OF POLISH AND POLISH AMERICAN STUDIES
Chair: Bożena Nowicka McLees. Discussants: Members of Chicago & Great Lakes Polish-American social and cultural organizations.

17:30  RECEPTION FOR REGISTERED PARTICIPANTS

20:00–21:30  CONCERT at Mundelein Center, Loyola University

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2018

9:30–13:00  SPECIAL PROGRAM FOR REGISTERED PARTICIPANTS
Tour of North Side of Chicago with Victoria Granacki

8:30–12:30  PAHA BOARD MEETING–PAHA Council and Officers only
12:30–13:30 Working Lunch
13:30–16:30 Bus Tour of South Side of Chicago for PAHA Board members with Dominic A. Pacyga
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2:00 PM – 3:20 PM  YOUNG SCHOLARS AND NEW TOPICS FORUM
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Hubert Izienicki, PhD., Purdue University Northwest  
Catholics and Atheists: A Cross-Cultural Qualitative Analysis of Religious Identities among Polish Gay Men

Anna Sosnowska, Ph.D., University of Warsaw, American Studies Center  
Poland, Poles and Polishness in New York City throughout the 20th century. (A new research project)

Sylwia Kuźma-Markowska, PhD., University of Warsaw, American Studies Center  
Controlling Polonia Fertility in Interwar Years: Polish Immigrant Women in Chicago Birth Control Clinics

Marcin Gońda, Ph.D., University of Łódź, Poland  
(Re)Constructing the homeland in diaspora: the case of Polonia in Cleveland  
(A research project)

Ewa Modzelewska, Jagiellonian University  
Literary oeuvre of Polish emigrants in the United States of America in the years 1831–1848. A study of selected cases

Marcin Szerle, Ph. D.  
Getting into the Memoirs of Polish Immigrants in the US: A Modern Research Perspective
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