

Schedule of Events *(subject to change)*

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18th, 2009 – REGISTRATION – 2:00 P.M.

3:00 - 3:55 p.m.	A-1 Case Studies: PGSA members share techniques that conquered brick walls; strategies to spur research
4:00 - 4:55 p.m.	A-2 Translating the Polish Language
5 – 7 p.m.	DINNER OPTIONS: Marriott's full service BlueFire Restaurant/Free Shuttle to Woodfield Mall's Venues
7:00 - 7:55 p.m.	B-1 "Visiting Poland: The Glory of the Past & The Promise of the Future" Dr. Michael Mikos, Prof. Foreign Languages & Linguistics, University of Wisconsin at Milwaukee
8:00 - 8:55 p.m.	B-2 "Folk Costumes of Various Regions of Poland: Influences, Styles, Fabric & Details" Cynthia Piech, PGSA Treasurer, creator of PGSA Notebook, CPA, & Experienced Genealogist

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH, 2009

Vendor/Media Room will be open prior to lectures.

9:00 - 10:00 a.m.	C-1 "Online Databases of the Polish State Archives" Kahlile Mehr, Slavic/Eastern Europe Collection	C-2 "Using Cook County Records in Family History Research" Craig Pfannkuche, Genealogist/Archivist
10:15- 11:15 a.m.	D-1 "The Partitions of Poland & What They Meant To Our Ancestors" Dr. Michael Mikos	D-2 "The Mysteries of PERSI-Periodical Source Index" Don Litzer, Reference Librarian/Genealogist
11:30- 1:15 p.m.	LUNCHEON in BALLROOM • PRESENTATION: GWIAZDA & WIGILIA AWARD ENTERTAINMENT BY THE WICI DANCERS	

1:30- 2:30 p.m.	E-1 "A Dozen Ways to Jumpstart a Family History Project" Loretto Szucs, Exec. Editor Ancestry Juliana Szucs Smith, Author/Editor	E-2 "East European Internet Sites For the Family Researcher" Kahlile Mehr, Slavic/Eastern Europe Collection Management FamilySearch	E-3 "Gem at the Crossroads of America-the Allen Cty Library" Don Litzer, Reference Librarian, Formerly Allen County Library
2:45- 3:45 p.m.	F-1 "They Became Americans – Finding Naturalizations and Ethnic Origins" Loretto Szucs, Exec. Editor & VP. Ancestry Magazine; Lecturer	F-2 "Gazetteers & Online Maps for Polish Genealogy" Kahlile Mehr, MA, MLS, Author, Collection Specialist, Published Professional Genealogist	F-3 "Dealing With Bad Guys in One's Family Tree" Craig Pfannkuche, Pres. Memory Trail Research, Lecturer, historian
4:00- 5:00 p.m.	G-1 "Hidden Sources for Finding Family Stories" Loretto Szucs, Teacher, Author Genealogist Extraordinaire	G-2 "Finding Dziadzia's Roots: A Case Study" Juliana Szucs Smith, Author, Editor Ancestry.com newsletter	G-3 "Doing Family History Research in Cemeteries" Genealogical Archivist-C/NW RR Historical Soc.