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**Publisher Aquila Polonica Sponsors Prize for Best Article in Polish Studies**  
*Award-Winning Independent Publisher to Honor Writing and Research Focused on Poland*

Aquila Polonica Publishing has announced that it will sponsor a biennial prize to be awarded under the auspices of the Polish Studies Association to the author of the best article published in English dealing with any aspect of Polish studies.

The Aquila Polonica Prize is named for the Los Angeles- and U.K.-based company, which specializes in publishing the Polish experience of World War II in English, with first-hand accounts, memoirs, photographs, artwork, poetry, literature and historical studies.

"We want to encourage and reward the kind of scholarship that is so important to our understanding of history, culture and politics around the world," said Terry Tegnazian, Aquila Polonica co-founder.

The company's book *303 Squadron: The Legendary Battle of Britain Fighter Squadron*, by Arkady Fiedler, recently won the top Gold Award for History at the 2011 Benjamin Franklin Awards, the premier awards ceremony in independent publishing, as well as a Silver Award for Interior Design. Silver Awards were also won by Aquila Polonica's *Maps and Shadows* by Krycia Jopek (for Historical Fiction) and *The Ice Road: An Epic Journey from the Stalinist Labor Camps to Freedom* by Stefan Waydenfeld (for Autobiography/Memoir).

"Our mission is to make an important part of recent Polish history better known to a wider, English-speaking public," said Aquila Polonica co-founder Stefan Mucha, speaking from the U.K. "These scholarly articles complement that mission, and we're very pleased to be able to sponsor this prize."

Professor Brian Porter-Szucs, President of the Polish Studies Association, said, "We are very excited by Aquila Polonica's sponsorship of our Article Prize, and appreciate their generous support. This year the prize competition will be particularly impressive, as we already have some extraordinary nominees."

Articles published in English between August 2009 and August 2011 are eligible for the Aquila Polonica Prize. The prizewinning entry will be selected by a three-person committee appointed by the Polish Studies Association, with one representative each from the social sciences, literature/culture, and history.

The award carries a \$500 honorarium. The winner of this year's competition will be announced during the November 2011 National Convention of the Association for Slavic, Eurasian, and East European Studies in Washington D.C.

For more information about the Polish Studies Association and the Aquila Polonica Prize, please go to <http://history.lsa.umich.edu/PSA/> For information about Aquila Polonica Publishing, please go to <http://www.AquilaPolonica.com>

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