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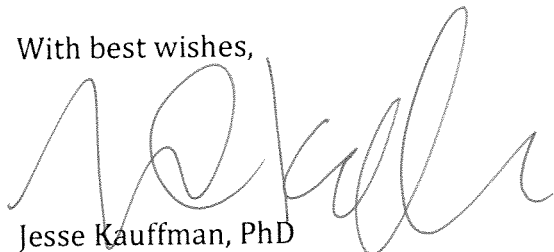
Dear Professor Kamiński:

I am writing to thank you for giving me the opportunity to discuss my forthcoming book on the German occupation of Poland during the First World War at this year's "Recovering Forgotten Histories" conference. I received invaluable advice, comments, and criticisms from the Polish scholars who so carefully and thoroughly read my manuscript. In particular, I gained a lot of insight from our discussion of the different meanings attached to the word "nationalism" in central European and American scholarly contexts. Had the scholars from Poland not brought these differences to my attention, I would have continued to use the term in a way that caused confusion and misunderstanding. I am now revising my manuscript to reflect a more analytically precise definition of the word "nationalism." In addition, the Polish experts gave me valuable advice about the major figures from Polish cultural history—such as Joachim Lelewel and Adolf Nowaczyński—who are given brief mentions in my book. In the judgment of the Polish experts, I provided inadequate explanations of who these people were and did not fully acknowledge their importance in Polish elite culture. In response to their criticisms, I am expanding my descriptions of their lives and works as well as my explanations of why they mattered. Finally, I was given valuable insight into the way the First World War is viewed in both Polish historiography as well as collective memory, which will help to enrich my discussion of the different ways the war is studied in the United States, Britain, France, Germany, and Poland.

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Thank you once again for this opportunity, and I hope that scholars working on central European history continue to be able to participate in this remarkable workshop.

With best wishes,



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