

**Reception for Edyta Gawron at the home of Shana Penn  
13 November 2012**



On Tuesday, November 13, the San Francisco Kraków Sister Cities Association hosted a welcome reception for Edyta Gawron of Jagiellonian University, Kraków, at the home of Sister Cities Vice Chairperson, Shana Penn. Edyta is an Assistant Professor at the Department of Jewish Studies and the head of the new Centre for the Study of the History and Culture of Kraków Jews. As a specialist in the 20th-century history of Polish Jews, Holocaust studies and the post-Holocaust Jewish Diaspora, she cooperates with various academic institutions and museums in Poland and abroad, including the Oskar Schindler Factory Museum and the Galicia Jewish Museum. Guests included Jagiellonian scholars Dominik Czaplicki and Łukasz Kutrzeba, Director of Museum Studies at San Francisco State University, Edward Luby, Ken Bamberger and Helene Kim from the Boalt School of Law, University of California, Berkeley, John Henry Fullen, President of the Sister Cities Association, Zbyszek Stanczyk (formerly of the Hoover Institute) and Mary Kay Stuvland, Artistic Director of Łowiczanie Polish Folk Ensemble. Edyta spoke of her cross-cultural experiences in museum education and Holocaust commemoration, and her desire to strengthen the cultural ties between the sister cities of San Francisco and Kraków.