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Polish Émigré Mathematicians and Their American Colleagues: Effects of the Great Depression and World War II on Employment in the Mathematical Sciences. Preliminary report.

Many mathematicians who left Poland for the United States in the period surrounding World War II generally left not as émigrés per se, but as visitors to other nations. Once in these nations, most mathematicians were unable or chose not to return to their homeland. With a great influx of talented and highly educated foreign mathematicians into the United States and limited opportunities for citizens and newcomers alike as a result of the Great Depression, hiring became a hurdle for everyone, and it was exacerbated by non-academic and non-economic issues. In this talk, we discuss those issues and the background in which they are situated, mention several notable Polish émigrés, and raise some questions for possible future work. (Received September 07, 2018)