

SPEAKERS' BIOGRAPHIES

Jars Balan is currently the administrative coordinator of the Peter and Doris Kule Ukrainian Canadian Studies Centre. From 2017 to 2020, he served as the Director of the Canadian Institute of Ukrainian Studies at the University of Alberta. An author and literary translator, he has published numerous scholarly and popular articles on Ukrainian Canadian history, theatre and literature. Presently, the respected researcher is working on a biography of a forgotten Canadian journalist, Rhea Clyman, who wrote compelling eyewitness accounts describing the early stages of the Great Famine, or Holodomor, that ravaged Soviet Ukraine and the Kuban region in 1932-33. Concurrently, he has been active in exploring the stories of men and women of Ukrainian descent who served in Canada's Armed Forces during the Second World War. One of his research subjects, Wally Bunka, a veteran of D-Day, was featured in a commercial broadcast in the Netherlands in the spring of 2017.

Lubomyr Hajda recently retired as Senior Advisor to Director of the Ukrainian Research Institute at Harvard University; he remains affiliated with the institution as a Independent Scholar. For more than two decades, Dr. Hajda was HURI's Associate Director; from 1978 to 1992, he held the position of Academic Coordinator of Harvard's Master's program in Soviet studies. Many an important player in the present foreign policy arena in Washington DC were fortunate enough to be either taught or mentored by Dr. Hajda. Among his publications are the entry on Ukrainian history in the Encyclopaedia Britannica (15th ed.); *The Nationalities Factor in Soviet Politics and Society* (with Mark Beissinger), and *Ukraine in the World: Studies in the International Relations and Security Structure of a Newly Independent State*.

Olesya Isayuk graduated from the Faculty of History of Lviv National University in 2009; in early 2016, she defended her dissertation for the title of Doctor of Humanities on the subject of "Lviv University during the First World War" in Lublin (Poland). Since 2011, Dr. Isayuk has been working at the Center for Liberation Movement Studies, and since 2012 she has also been a researcher at the National Museum-Memorial "Lontsky Prison". From 2015 onward, she has been researching the subject of Ukrainians as victims of the punitive system of the Third Reich; she is currently working on a list of Ukrainian Auschwitz prisoners and the formation and operation of a network of resistance among Ukrainian political prisoners in Auschwitz. Her research interests also include relations between the nationalist underground, the civilian population and the armies of the two totalitarian regimes on Ukrainian soil in the final stages of World War II and Nazi occupation of Western Ukraine. She has published a number of scientific/popular science articles and is the co-author of the exhibition "*Human Triumph: Residents of Ukraine Who Survived Nazi Concentration Camps*" (Kyiv, 2018-2019).

Albert Kipa is Muhlenberg College's Professor Laureate (Emeritus) and former Chair of the Department of Languages, Literatures and Cultures (1989-1993; 1997-2004). He specializes in Germano-Slavic literary and cultural relations and is the author or co-author of studies/reviews in his field. Dr. Kipa has been the recipient of Fulbright and NEH grants, as well as Goethe Institute/AATG, Pennsylvania Department of Education, Ukraine's Ministry of Culture and the Ukrainian Free University's merit awards. From 1980 to 1982 he served on the National Advisory Council to the U.S. Department of Education. Currently he serves as president of The Ukrainian Academy of Arts & Sciences in the U.S. and is a Fellow of the Academy of Pedagogical Sciences of Ukraine.

Lubomyr Luciuk is a professor of political geography at The Royal Military College of Canada. The author, editor, or co-editor of 31 books, and of hundreds of opinion editorials published in every major Canadian newspaper and abroad, Dr Luciuk has been an active member of the Ukrainian Canadian Civil Liberties Association since its inception in 1983 and has served as "project lead" for a number of its most important projects, including honouring Ukrainian Canadian veterans of the Second World War with a memorial plaque in London, England and unveiling a commemorative stained-glass window at St James's, the parish church of Paddington, titled Heroes of Their Day. A former member of the Endowment Council of the Canadian First World War Internment Recognition Fund, he played an instrumental role in honouring Corporal Filip Konowal, the only Ukrainian Canadian to have been distinguished with the Victoria Cross for his valour during the Battle of Hill 70 at Loos-en-Gohelle, France, during the Great War. His most recent contribution, *Operation Payback*, concerning a Cold War era Soviet disinformation campaign aimed at discrediting the role of Ukrainians in WWII, has become a must read. In 2019, Dr Luciuk was honoured by the President of Ukraine, Volodymyr Zelensky, with the Cross of Ivan Mazepa for his many contributions to Ukraine and within the diaspora.

Alexander J. Motyl is professor of political science at Rutgers University-Newark. He served as associate director of the Harriman Institute at Columbia University from 1992 to 1998. A specialist on Ukraine, Russia, and the USSR, and on nationalism, revolutions, empires, and transition state theory, Dr. Motyl is the author of *Pidsumky imperii; Puti imperii; Imperial Ends: The Decay, Collapse, and Revival of Empires; Revolutions, Nations, Empires: Conceptual Limits and Theoretical Possibilities; Dilemmas of Independence: Ukraine after Totalitarianism; Sovietology, Rationality, Nationality: Coming to Grips with Nationalism in the USSR; Will the Non-Russians Rebel? State, Ethnicity, and Stability in the USSR*; and the editor of more than ten volumes, including *The Encyclopedia of Nationalism*.

Kathy Nalywajko is a Senior Vice President and Investment Counselor at Capital Group Private Client Services. For over 25 years, Kathy has worked directly with high net worth individuals, business owners, corporate executives and their families to create customized paths for protecting and growing their wealth, often across multiple generations. She has expertise in investment planning and implementation, financial planning, intergenerational wealth transfer, philanthropy, risk management and business succession planning. Community-minded, Kathy volunteers her time and expertise at various not-for-profit organizations. She currently serves as President of the Board of Directors of the Ukrainian Institute of America, the Advisory Boards of the New York Common Pantry and Pace University's College of Health Professions, and is also Chair of the Board of ACG Cares New York.

Mykola Posivnych has worked as Academic Researcher in the Department of Modern History of the I. Kryp'yakevych Institute of Ukrainian Studies of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine since 2003. He has done extensive research on the Ukrainian national liberation movement in various periods on time as well as major studies of the activities and writings of its key leaders; Dr. Posivnych is the author of 7 monographs, the compiler and editor of 16 books and more than 160 articles. He is a member of the editorial board of the academic collection "*Ukrainian Liberation Movement*", the editorial board of "*The Chronicle of UPA. New Series*" (2010), and the editor-in-chief of the *UPA Chronicles* (2017)

Anna Procyk received her Ph.D. from Columbia University in 1973 where she specialized in Russian and East European history. Since 1997 she has been Professor of History at Kingsborough C.C. of the City University of New York. Her research works on the nationality question in Eastern Europe have appeared in various scholarly studies since 1973. Her monograph, *Russian Nationalism and Ukraine: The Nationality Policy of the Volunteer Army during the Civil War* (Edmonton-Toronto: University of Alberta, CIUS Press) appeared in 1995. She is the editor and translator of *Two Worlds, One Idea: Ten Years of Correspondence between Amnesty International, Group 11 and a Ukrainian Political Prisoner, Zinovii Krasivskyj* (New York: Smoloskyp Publishers, 2013). In 2020, the University of Toronto published her magisterial work: *Giuseppe Mazzini's Young Europe and the Birth of Modern Nationalism in the Slavic World*. Her articles on the said subject have appeared in Harvard Ukrainian Studies; Kosmas: Czechoslovak & East European Journal and The Ukrainian Historian.

Mark A. Thomas is currently Assistant Professor of Political Science at La Salle University. He earned his MBA at the American Graduate School for International Management and his MA (International Affairs), Ph.D. (Political Science) at the University of Notre Dame. He spent over twenty years working for NATO in Europe, to include Bosnia-Herzegovina and Kosovo, and Afghanistan. He also served as Special Advisor to the Assistant Secretary of the Army at the Pentagon. Dr. Thomas has written numerous articles on the causes of ethnic conflict in the post-Soviet world as well as on Soviet/Russian energy policies and hybrid warfare.

Volodymyr Vyatrovych is currently a member of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine. Immediately prior to his parliamentary career, he served as the Head of the Ukrainian Institute of National Remembrance, where he did yeoman's work in helping restore the Ukrainian nation's historical sense of itself. Dr. Vyatrovych's journey in the latter regard began when he, in the process of completing his graduate studies, founded the Center for Research on the Liberation Movement, a non-governmental research institution which eventually became a respected member of the Platform of European Memory and Conscience. In 2009, the Center, in cooperation with the Security Service of Ukraine, co-founded the Lontsky Prison National Memorial Museum in Lviv. Between 2008 and 2010, Dr. Vyatrovych assumed the post the Director of the Security Service of Ukraine Archives; he proceeded to open the KGB archives to the public. In 2010-2011, he was a senior visiting scholar at Harvard Ukrainian Research Institute and in 2012 worked with the Hoover Institute archives (Stanford University). Dr. Vyatrovych is the author of 6 books and co-author of 3 others.