

Ukrainian Historical Encounters Series

A Special Event

Celebrating 125 Years



of the Organized Ukrainian American Community

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STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

You are about to participate in a special UA Historical Encounters Series event dedicated to *Commemorating the 125th Anniversary of the Organized Ukrainian American Community*, scheduled take place at the Princeton Club of NY on September 21, 2019.

The gathering is scheduled to run six panel discussions, a working lunch and a evening banquet dedicated to taking a fresh look at the highways and byways of Ukrainian American life spanning three centuries – visiting all dimensions of the said subject.

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You have graced Ukraine with Liberty,
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CONFERENCE PROGRAM

“Ukrainian Historical Encounters Series” Special Event: Celebrating the 125th Anniversary of the Organized Ukrainian American Community September 21 2019/Princeton Club of New York

8:30 am – 9:00 am — Registration [Venue: Dickinson Room]

9:00 am – 9:15 am — Focus Session I: Forum Opening Remarks

Speakers: Stefan Kaczaraj [President/Ukrainian National Association]
HE Volodymyr Yelchenko [Permanent Representative of Ukraine to the UN]

9:15 am – 10:30 am — Panel Discussion I — Foundation Stones of the Ukrainian American Community

Moderator: Irena Jarosewich [Editor in Chief/Svoboda 2000-2006]

Themes & Participants:

Ukrainian National Association | Roma Lisovich
Ukrainian National Women’s League of America | Mariana Zajac
Ukrainian Congress Committee of America | Andriy Futey

10:30 am – 10:35 am — Coffee Break

10:35 am – 11:50 am — Panel Discussion II — The Ukrainian American Community and Religious Life

Moderator: Andrew Sorokowski [Religious Information Service of Ukraine]

Themes & Participants:

Ukrainian Catholic Church | o. Ivan Kasczak
Ukrainian Orthodox Church | o. Anthony Perkins
Ukrainian Evangelical Community | Mykhailo Cherenkov

11:50 am – 12:55 pm — Working Lunch - Taking Measure of the Significance of the Ukrainian American Community to Ukraine [Venue: Alexander Hamilton Room]

Chair: Victor Rud [Vice President/Ukrainian American Bar Association]

Key Note: Alexander Motyl [Professor of Political Science/Rutgers University]

12:55 pm – 2:10 pm — Panel Discussion III — Ukrainian American Cultural Life

Moderator: Kathy Nalywajko [Ukrainian Institute of America]

Themes & Participants:

The Ukrainian Museum (New York) | Chryzanta Hentisz
The Ukrainian National Museum (Chicago) | Lydia Tkaczuk
Ukrainian Museum-Archives (Cleveland) | Andrew Fedynsky

2:10 pm – 3:25 pm — Panel Discussion IV — Ukrainian American Youth Organizations

Moderator: Eugene Luciw [Ukrainian American Sports Center - Tryzub / Youth Civic Forum]

Themes & Participants:

Plast Ukrainian Scouting Organization | Adam Hapij
CYM-A / Ukrainian American Youth Association | Adrian Dlaboha
Ridna Shkola / School of Ukrainian Studies | Ivan Makar

***Discussant:** Nicholas Skirka [Ukrainian Sports Club of NY]*

3:25 pm – 3:30 pm — Coffee Break

3:30 pm – 4:45 pm — Panel Discussion V — The UA American Community & Academia

Moderator: Marko Andryczyk [Columbia University Ukrainian Studies Program]

Themes & Participants:

Harvard Ukrainian Research Institute | Lubomyr Hajda
Shevchenko Scientific Society | Anna Procyk
Ukrainian Academy of Arts & Sciences in the USA | Albert Kipa

4:45 pm – 6:00 pm — Panel Discussion VI — Ukrainian American Financial Institutions and Charitable Foundations

Moderator: Motrja Bojko Watters [United Ukrainian American Relief Committee]

Themes & Participants:

Self Reliance NY FCU | Bohdan Kurczak
Heritage Foundation of 1st Security Federal Savings Bank | Pavlo Bandriwsky
SUMA Yonkers FCU | Andrij Horbachevsky

6:00 pm – 7:15 pm Intermission [Venue: Alexander Hamilton Room]

A Special Performance by the Ukrainian Chorus "Dumka" of New York

Artistic Director & Conductor: Vasyl Hrechynsky

7:15 pm – 9:30 pm — Speakers & Patrons Banquet [Venue: James Madison Room]

Event Host: Yuri Symczyk [National Secretary/Ukrainian National Association]

Word of Welcome: Oleksiy Holubov [Consul General of Ukraine in New York]

Invocation: His Eminence Metropolitan Antony of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA

Keynotes: Herman Pirchner [President/American Foreign Policy Council]
HE Valeriy Chaly [Ambassador of Ukraine to the United States 2015-2019]

Benediction: His Eminence Metropolitan-Archbishop of Philadelphia Borys Guzdiak of the Ukrainian Catholic Church

SPEAKERS' BIOGRAPHIES

Mark Andryczyk, since 2008, has administrated the Ukrainian Studies Program at the Harriman Institute, Columbia University and has taught Ukrainian literature at its Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures. He holds a PhD in Ukrainian Literature from the University of Toronto (2005). His monograph *The Intellectual as Hero in 1990s Ukrainian Fiction* was published by the University of Toronto Press in 2012. A Ukrainian edition of that monograph, *Intelektual iak heroi ukrains'koi prozy 90-kh rokiv XX stolittia* was published by Piramida in 2014. Dr. Andryczyk is a translator of Ukrainian literature into English. In 2008-2017 he organized the Contemporary Ukrainian Literature Series (co-sponsored by the Harriman and Kennan Institutes), which brought leading Ukrainian literary figures to audiences in North America. He is editor and compiler of *The White Chalk of Days, the Contemporary Ukrainian Literature Series Anthology* (Academic Studies Press, 2017); he has translated eleven essays by Yuri Andrukhovych for the publication *My Final Territory: Selected Essays* (University of Toronto Press, 2018).

His Eminence Metropolitan Antony was formally enthroned as the 4th Metropolitan of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA in St. Andrew the First Called Apostle Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral in Silver Spring, MD on January 23, 2013. In the presence of 20 hierarchs, representing various Orthodox jurisdictions of North America and representatives of Catholic and other Christian communities, His Eminence received his Archpastoral staff of the Prime Hierarch of the Church and was greeted by His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America, who is also the Exharch of the Ecumenical Patriarchate. Archbishop Demetrios additionally conveyed greetings of His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew I to the new UOC-USA Metropolitan.

Pavlo Bandriwsky, born to Ukrainian refugee parents in Buffalo, NY and a graduate of the University of Buffalo, has had a 36-year career in banking, serving as Chief Operating Officer for First Security Federal Savings Bank ("Банк Певність") and for the past 15 years as Regional President of MB Financial Bank, both in Chicago. A lifelong member of the Ukrainian American Youth Association ("CYM"), he has served five terms as president of Chicago CYM im. Mykola Pavlushkov Branch. Pavlo is Vice President of Ukrainian Congress Committee of America ("YKKA"), Illinois Division for 16 years (also having served as President for 3 terms), is the External Affairs Chair for Branch #8 Organization for the Defense of Four Freedoms for Ukraine ("OOЧУ"), Board Member of the Ukrainian Genocide Famine Foundation and the Heritage Foundation of the First Security Federal Savings Bank.

Motrja Boyko Watters has served as 'Administrative Liaison' of United Ukrainian American Relief Committee since June 2007; in that role, she manages the office and is responsible for the execution of all programs that UUARC, the Ukrainian American Hromada's oldest strictly charitable organization, administers. Ms. Boyko Watters is an active member of Plast, where she has held executive positions, and a likewise active member of the Ukrainian National Women's League of America.

His Excellency Valeriy Chaly presently serves as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Ukraine to the United States. He came to the post immediately after having held the position of Deputy Head of Administration of the President of Ukraine. Before his political and foreign services appointments, Amb. Chaly worked a number of years as Deputy Director General of Ukraine's leading NGO, the Razumkov Center, gaining recognition in Ukraine as well as internationally for his efforts at the institution.

Mykhailo Cherenkov is a professor at the Ukrainian Catholic University in Lviv and visiting scholar at Tabor College, Kansas. Dr. Cherenkov serves as the executive field director of Mission Eurasia, a US based evangelical missionary association; He is the co-author (with Joshua T. Searle) of the book *A Future and a Hope: Mission, Theological Education and the Transformation of Post-Soviet Society*.

Adrian Dlaboha is the President of the National Executive of the Ukrainian American Youth Association ("UAYA"). His term began in January of 2018. Adrian has been a member of the UAYA since childhood. He has also served on the New York local branch board of the UAYA. Additionally, he was a member-volunteer at the local branch of the Ukrainian Congress Committee of America. Adrian is also a Senior Litigation Analyst at the law firm of Debevoise & Plimpton LLP. He presented on the subjects of electronic discovery and litigation technology at Cornell Law School for several semesters. Adrian is a member of the New York State bar and a member of the Ukrainian American Bar

Association. He graduated with a B.A. from Hofstra University in 1999. He received his J.D. from New England School of Law in 2003.

Andrew Fedynsky is currently president of a government relations firm, volunteer Director of the Ukrainian Museum-Archives in Cleveland and writes a monthly column for the Ukrainian Weekly. A 1969 graduate of the University of Notre Dame, he was a teacher and track coach in the Cleveland Public School System in the 1970s, a counselor in the Plast Scouting organization and teacher at the Saturday Ridna Shkola Heritage School. In 1974, he became Vice President of Smoloskyp, translating dissident documents including the memorandums of the Ukrainian Helsinki Group; editing a quarterly newsletter; lobbying on Capitol Hill; and for several summers traveling behind the Iron Curtain to deliver materials to dissidents and bring forbidden literature to the West. In 1978, he joined the staff of Senator Bob Dole dealing with Soviet issues. After receiving a Masters Degree from John Carroll University in 1980, Andrew joined the staff of Cleveland Congresswoman Mary Rose Oakar where he served for 12 years, rising to become her Chief of Staff.

Andriy Futey, in September 2016, was elected to a four year term as President of the Ukrainian Congress Committee of America, the representative organization of over 1.5 million Americans of Ukrainian descent; he concurrently serves as a Vice President of the Ukrainian World Congress. Mr. Futey brings more than 20 years of extensive government and campaign experience as President of Andrew J Futey & Associates. His firm provides public policy and government relations consulting, strategic planning, public affairs and campaign development strategies at the international, federal, state and local levels.

His Eminence Metropolitan Borys Gudziak is the Archeparch of the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia. On February 18, 2019, the Vatican Information Service announced that the Holy Father has appointed Most Rev. Borys Gudziak to the named post, thus concurring with the recommendation of the appointment offered by the Synod of Ukrainian Catholic Bishops, which met in September of 2018 in Lviv, Ukraine. He was installed on June 4, 2019. Metropolitan Gudziak graduated in theology from the College of Saint Sophia in Rome/Urban Pontifical University in 1983 and took up doctoral studies in an interdepartmental program of Slavic and Byzantine Cultural History at Harvard University, where he received his Ph.D. in 1992. His thesis, *Crisis and Reform: The Kievan Metropolitanate, the Patriarchate of Constantinople, and the Genesis of the Union of Brest*, was published by the Harvard Ukrainian Research Institute in 1998.

Lubomyr Hajda recently retired as Senior Advisor to the Director of the Ukrainian Research Institute at Harvard University; for more than two decades, he was HURI's Associate Director. A historian with a Ph.D. from Harvard University, he has taught at Harvard and the University of Massachusetts-Amherst. From 1978 to 1992, Dr. Hajda held the position of Academic Coordinator of Harvard's Master's program in Soviet studies. 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*.

Adam Hapij is appearing at the forum as a representative of the Plast Ukrainian Scouting Organization in New York City. Mr. Hapij is an engineer who has been working with Thornton Tomasetti for the last 23 years, where he is currently leading the Applied Science Practice in the New York region. He is also an Adjunct Professor at The Cooper Union, where he has been teaching in the Civil Engineering Dept. for the last 10 years. Mr. Hapij is active in the Ukrainian community in NYC. He has been a member of Plast since 1978. He has been the vice president of the Plast's NYC chapter house since 2009 and has recently become a troupe leader of a group of 15 year-old boy scouts. Mr. Hapij has also been serving on the Board of Directors of the Self Reliance New York Federal Credit Union since 2010. Mr. Hapij is likewise a member of St. George's Ukrainian Catholic Church where he sings in the choir.

Chryzanta Hentisz, President of the Board of Trustees of the Ukrainian Museum, is a practicing attorney with a long history of interest in art. She began collecting art as a teenager and later presented exhibitions of various diaspora Ukrainian artists. She expressed her love of Ukrainian theater by helping to promote the Les Kurbas Theater from Lviv in several tours in cities ranging from New York, Boston, Detroit, and Washington, D.C. After meeting artists in Ukraine working in various media such as paintings, ceramics, woodworking and sculpture, she opened the Chryzanta Gallery to promote their works. While the Gallery gave way to her career as an attorney, she joined the Board of

Trustees of the Ukrainian Museum in 2012 to support its laudatory mission of “acquiring, preserving, exhibiting, and interpreting articles of artistic or historic significance to the cultural heritage of Ukrainians”. She became President of the Board in 2017.

Oleksii Holubov is presently the Consul General of Ukraine in New York. A veteran diplomat with various Foreign Ministry postings starting in the early 1990s, Consul Holubov in the 2015-2018 period took on responsibilities closer to home, first as Deputy Head, Office of the President of Ukraine and then as Deputy Head of the Department for Strategic Planning and Operational Support, Administration of the President of Ukraine.

Andrew Horbachevsky is the Chairman of the board of the SUMA Federal Credit Union based in Yonkers, New York. Concurrently, he is also the Chairman of the Board of the Ukrainian National Credit Union Association (UNCUA), the umbrella organization which represents the 12 Ukrainian-American credit unions. Mr. Horbachevsky has previously worked for two Fortune 200 companies and presently is Vice President of Manufacturing for piano maker Steinway & Sons.

Stefan Kaczaraj CPA is presently serving his fifth term as President of the Ukrainian National Association, the oldest of the great 'foundation stone' institutions that the Ukrainian American Hromada possesses. Concurrently, he serves as a member of the Board of Directors of Self Reliance NY Federal Credit Union; for nearly a decade (April 2011 to March 2019), he served as Chairman of the said board.

Rev. Dr. Ivan Kaszczak was ordained a priest for the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Stamford in 1985. His University degrees are in Philosophy, Theology and Religious Education. He received his Ph.D. in Religious Education from Fordham University in the Bronx. He has lectured at Sacred Heart University and St. Basil College in Stamford, CT. He is the author of several books and articles about Ukrainian Catholic Church History in the United States. He is a retired Air Force chaplain after serving twenty-one years in the Air Force Reserve. At present, He pastors two parishes in upstate New York. One parish is in Kerhonkson, NY and the other in Hunter, NY.

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 a 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.

Bohdan Kurczak is President and Chief Executive Officer and a member of the Board of Directors of Self Reliance New York Federal Credit Union, a \$1.3 billion Ukrainian-American financial institution headquartered in New York City. He has been with the credit union for 18 years and in his current position since 2007. Previously, Mr. Kurczak held senior positions with Citibank and JP Morgan Chase.

Roma Lisovich presently serves as Treasurer of the Ukrainian National Association..Under her leadership and that of the current president, Mr. Stefan Kaczaraj, the UNA, the oldest of the Ukrainian American Hromada's organizations (established 1894), has been revitalized and is set to take on the various challenges and opportunities of the 21st century. Prior to her work with the UA-AM community, Ms. Lisovich held several high level corporate posts with responsibilities in the international section at Corestates Bank (now Wells Fargo) and First Fidelity Bank.

Eugene A. Luciw (Georgetown JD) is the Director of Life Insurance and Annuity Planning, and Savings and Retirement Accounts with the Providence Association of Ukrainian Catholics in America. He also serves as the fraternal benefit society's Chief Underwriter, Agent and Counsel. He is a licensed insurance producer and an attorney admitted to practice in all of the federal and state courts of Pennsylvania, as well as the US Supreme Court. He holds or has held multiple leadership positions with a number of Ukrainian community organizations, including the Ukrainian American Sport Center – Tryzub, Voloshky Ukrainian Dance Ensemble, Ukrainian Federation of America, Ukrainian Congress Committee of America, the Ukrainian Professional Society of the Philadelphia area, the Organization for the Governmental Rebirth of Ukraine, and the Ukrainian Homestead.

Ivan Makar serves as principal of the Self-Reliance School of Ukrainian Studies in NYC (one of the largest entities in the Ridna Shkola system), a role which he undertook in 2010. As a young adult, he was a leading member of the Ukrainian Students' Association and a counselor of the Ukrainian American Youth Association serving as President of the NYC branch for many years; during the period, he was a member of the Ukrainian Stage Ensemble. He has travelled to Ukraine numerous times and worked with pro-independence organizations there. Equally, Mr. Makar has worked extensively with university students and young adults in various academic settings as an academic advisor, career counselor, mentor and educator. He served as class dean at Columbia and has held positions at Pace and Long Island Universities. Currently, Mr. Makar is Assistant Director of Advising and Student Services at NYU and an adjunct professor at the school as well as at Baruch College.

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.

Fr. Anthony Perkins is the priest at Holy Resurrection (UOC-USA) in Waynesville, NC. He is a member of the UOC-USA Metropolitan Council and Consistory and is a professor at St. Sophia Ukrainian Orthodox Seminary in South Bound Brook, NJ. A retired Military Intelligence Warrant Officer, has an MA in Political Science from The Ohio State University, and is a full-time doctoral student in Political Science at the University of Georgia. He gives several talks and retreats each year and has two active podcasts, *OrthoAnalytika* and *Good Guys Wear Black*.

Herman Pirchner, in 1982, became the founding President of the American Foreign Policy Council (AFPC), a non-profit public policy organization headquartered in Washington, DC. Under his leadership, AFPC has hosted the Washington visits of hundreds of foreign officials, ranging from the Prime Minister of Malta to the Prime Minister of Russia; conducted hundreds of briefings for members of Congress and their staffs; and organized dozens of fact-finding missions abroad for current and former senior American officials. AFPC's publication program includes the sponsorship of numerous articles, monographs and books; in recent years, AFPC authors have appeared in the *Washington Post*, the *New York Times*, the *Financial Times*, the *Washington Times*, the *Wall Street Journal* (including the European and Asian editions), the *Baltimore Sun* and the *US News & World Report*, among other prominent newspapers and magazines.

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. Dr. Procyk's 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* (University of Alberta, CIUS Press) appeared in 1995. She was 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* (Smoloskyp Publishers, 2013). Her magisterial study on the influence of the political thought of Giuseppe Mazzini in Eastern Europe has just been published by University of Toronto. Dr. Procyk has played key roles in two academic endeavors of note to the Ukrainian American community, the

Ukrainian Free Academy of Arts and Sciences and the Shevchenko Scientific Society, where she serves as Vice President and Director of the History, Social Sciences and Legal Studies Section.

Victor Rud is a founder and past Chairman of the Ukrainian American Bar Association, and currently chairs its Committee on Foreign Affairs. He has been practicing international law for 40 years, and has served as special counsel to a member of the US Delegation to the Madrid Review Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe. Before the fall of the Soviet Union, Mr. Rud represented, in the West, Soviet dissidents persecuted by the KGB. His commentaries have been carried by *Forbes*, the *Atlantic Council Alert*, *Defence Report*, the *Kyiv Post* and the *Foreign Policy Association*, among others. Victor graduated from Harvard College and Duke University School of Law.

Yuri Symczyk serves as Chief Operating Officer and National Secretary of the Ukrainian National Association. He came to work at UNA in 2010 after completing his undergraduate studies at Seton Hall University's prestigious Whitehead School of Diplomacy and International Studies and took on his present task at UNA in 2016. Mr. Symczyk concurrently serves as Vice President of the NY-NJ Fraternal Alliance. The objective of the Alliance is to: unite men and women who are associated with a fraternal benefit society, work for the welfare and growth of the fraternal benefit system, create a better understanding of the system and exchange ideas for the common good of its members.

Andrew Sorokowski was the researcher on religion in Ukraine at Keston College, England, from 1984 to 1987. After obtaining his PhD in History at the University of London in 1991, he served as managing editor of the journal of the Harvard Ukrainian Research Institute from 1993 to 1997 and later taught college-level history. A member of the California bar since 1980, he has also worked in law and legal publishing, and was a researcher at the Department of Justice in Washington, DC from 2000 to 2014. Dr. Sorokowski is currently engaged in historical editing and translation, writes a monthly column for *The Ukrainian Weekly*, and occasionally contributes to the Religious Information Service of Ukraine.

Lydia Tkaczuk, born and raised in what is known today as Chicago's Ukrainian Village, has served since 2014 as president of the Board of Directors of the Windy City's Ukrainian National Museum. Throughout her tenure at the UNM in positions such as Board member, Vice-president and President she has been instrumental in several outreach programs, including working together with University of Chicago to incorporate a curriculum on the Genocide against Ukrainians into Chicago School curriculum. Ms. Tkaczuk graduated with a Bachelors from the University of Illinois, followed by a Masters in Library Science from Dominican University, worked for the Department of Veterans Affairs as Chief, Library Service for 40 years; she played a critical role in merging two VA Medical Center libraries under the VA Chicago Health Care System.

HE Volodymyr Yelchenko has served as Permanent Representative of Ukraine to the United Nations since December 9, 2015. Immediately prior to his present posting, he was Ambassador of Ukraine to Russia; he held the post from July 2010 until he was recalled for consultations in March 2014, immediately after the illegal annexation of Crimea by the Russian Federation. Ambassador Yelchenko is one of the true veterans of Ukrainian diplomacy, having started in a career in foreign service in 1981.

Irene Yarosevych is the former editor-in-chief of the UNA publication *Svoboda* (2000-2006), a former senior editor with *The Ukrainian Weekly* (1996-2000), and was the first journalist accredited from an independent Ukraine by the US Department of State Foreign Media Center In 1991, Ms. Yarosevych traveled to Kyiv to manage foreign media relations for Rukh – The Popular Movement of Ukraine. Her two-year tenure with the pro-democracy organization included the August 1991 coup, and the declaration of Ukraine's independence. She then remained in Ukraine through 1995, serving as the director of public relations for the AT&T subsidiary UTEL. Since 2009, she has been accredited with the UN Department of Public Information from the World Federation of Ukrainian Women's Organizations.

Marianna Zajac is President of the Ukrainian National Women's League of America, Inc. (an educational, charitable, cultural not for profit organization uniting women of Ukrainian descent since 1925); First Vice President of The Ukrainian Museum in New York City (founded by The UNWLA in 1976); Board Member of the World Congress of Ukrainians; Honorary Member of the World Federation of Ukrainian Women's Organizations; participant in the annual United Nations Commission on the Status of Women conferences; presenter at the 2011 (20th) Conference of the World Information Transfer (Health & the Environment); member of the U.S. Holodomor Committee.

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