First Post Doctorate in Ukrainian Culture and Folklore Initiates Duties at the U of M

Dr. Svitlana Kukharenko, a recent Ph.D. graduate (2010) from the University of Alberta, has been appointed as of Sept. 1, 2011 the first joint Post Doctoral Fellow at the Centre for Ukrainian Canadian Studies and the Ukrainian Studies Program in the Dept. of German and Slavic Studies. She brings to the U of M a strong academic, teaching and publishing background rooted in Ukrainian Folklore and especially in Ukrainian Canadian folklore. For the past several years she performed duties at the Peter and Doris Kule Centre for Ukrainian and Canadian Folklore, U of A, as the Research /Archivist Assistant at the Bohdan Medvidsky Ukrainian Folklore Archives. She also has published several articles on folklore in prominent journals. At the U of M she will be teaching two courses, pursuing a major research project and providing guest lectures and community work. We wish Dr. Svitlana Kukharenko much success in her new academic endeavours at the U of M.

Centre for Ukrainian Canadian Studies – University of Manitoba Recognizes 16 Students during the 2010-11 Awards Ceremony on Sept. 17, 2011

The Centre for Ukrainian Canadian Studies – U of M, at St. Andrew’s College in Winnipeg Convocation and Awards Ceremony held on Sunday, September 18, 2011 at 2:00PM, recognized 16 students for high achievement in course work for the 2010-11 academic year. These students received 25 scholarships and/or bursaries with a value of close to $13,000.00 for their high academic achievements. The awards originated from the St. Andrew’s College Foundation Scholarship and Bursary Fund and the Centre for Ukrainian Canadian Studies Endowment Fund at the University of Manitoba. Many of these funds are named after prominent Ukrainian Canadian families and their family members, along with the professors, made the presentations.

The courses taught in 2010-11 included Intermediate Ukrainian (Prof. I. Konstantiuk), History of Eastern Christianity (Dr. R. Yereniuk), Introduction to Ukraine (Prof. O. Shevchenko), Making of Modern Ukraine (Dr. D. Daycock) and Ukrainian Rites & Rituals (Dr. R. Klymasz). In each class the top 3 students with the highest marks received awards. Amongst the prestigious awards was the Anne Smigel Memorial Scholarship for high standing in Ukrainian Canadian Heritage Studies, which was awarded to Cory Chetyrbok of Dauphin, MB. The Andrew & Nellie
Pawlik Scholarship for high academic standing in Ukrainian Canadian Studies and the fulfilment of a project that enhances and preserves Ukrainian culture had two winners – Justin Bzovy and Cory Chetyrbok. The Centre also awarded the prestigious Steve and Anna Zuraweczki Research Fellowship to an academic colleague for outstanding research in Ukrainian Canadiana and this year was granted to Dr. Robert Klymasz, one of Canada’s premier folklorists.

The winners of the various awards included Adriel Agpaiza, Jenna Modha, Curtis Mulyneaux, Romaniya Zayats, Khrystyna Lazar, James Gacel, Rodine Isfeld, Rebecca Klass, Kaelyn Martin, Cory Chetyrbok (4 awards), Darka Burczynski (2 awards), Preet Toor, Garren Werbicki. Fr. Michael Faryna, and Justin Bzovy.

Dr. R. Yereniuk presenting UofM John Magrega Memorial Scholarship for high academic achievement to Adriel Agpaiza

Marla Karasevich presenting the John & Marie Karasevich Scholarship to Cory Chetyrbok for highest standing in studies.

The Centre budgeted and planned to have nine courses taught in 2011-12 – five in term I and four in Term II. In the first term, some 65 students registered for the five courses. The courses include: History of Eastern Christianity (RLGN 1350) taught by Dr. R. Yereniuk; The Economy of Ukraine (ECON 2510) taught by Dr. G. Chuchman; Introduction to Ukraine (HIST 2600) taught by Prof. O. Shevchenko; Early Byzantine Art & Architecture (FAAH 3290) taught by Dr. J. Bugslag and Ukrainian Rites and Rituals (GSS 2780) taught by Dr. Svitlana Kukharenko.

CUCS Welcomes 65 Students to the Fall Term of 2011-2012

The Centre for Ukrainian Canadian Studies exists to create, preserve and communicate knowledge relating to Ukrainian Canadiana through teaching, research and community outreach. The Centre is a leading multicultural institution of the University of Manitoba that specializes in matters pertaining to Ukrainians in Canada. For further information contact the Centre at (204) 474-8906 or cucs@cc.umanitoba.ca or view our website at: www.umanitoba.ca/faculties/arts/departments/ukrainian_canadian_studies.