

## **Centre for Ukrainian Canadian Studies**

### **April, 2025 Newsletter**

**Happy Easter! May this season be a time of reflection and gratitude, filling your heart with peace, love, and the hope of a brighter future!**



**Щиро вітаємо вас усіх з Великоднем! Нехай ці святкові дні будуть часом роздумів та вдячності, а ваші серця наповняться миром, любов'ю та надією на світле майбутнє!**

### **Centre for Ukrainian Canadian Studies**

Founded in 1981, the Centre for Ukrainian Canadian Studies (CUCS) at the University of Manitoba is dedicated to generating, preserving, and sharing knowledge and academic research that highlights the distinctive history and relationship between Canada and Ukraine. The center oversees the Ukrainian Canadian Heritage Studies program and related courses, provides a Letter of Participation program, encourages scholarly research, and organizes various events.

Proudly serving as a hub for Ukrainian Canadian studies, CUCS also fosters stronger ties between the university and the broader community.

Перед заснованим 1981 року Центром українських канадських студій (ЦУКС) при Манітобському університеті стоїть завдання збагачення, збереження та поширення знань і наукових досліджень, які висвітлюють унікальну історію та взаємини між Канадою та Україною. Центр координує програму та курси з вивчення українсько-канадської спадщини, пропонує програму «Лист участі», заохочує наукові дослідження та організовує різноманітні заходи. Центр українських канадських студій з гордістю виконує свою роль, а також сприяє зміцненню зв'язків між університетом і ширшою громадськістю.

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### **Congratulations**

Congratulations to the Squires family on the arrival of their baby girl Sophie Valentyna Ruth Squires, born March 1, 2025! Wishing them all the joy and love as you welcome your little princes into the world!

### **The celebration of the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Manitoba joining the Confederation and the 130<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Ukrainian settlements in Canada**

The contribution of Ukrainians, who together with other settlers from Central and Eastern Europe, invested their labor and intellect to transform Canada into a prosperous country, has been highly appreciated by the government of Manitoba and the government of Canada over the years.

The result of many years of cooperation between our community and the provincial government was the planned celebration, organized by the Manitoba Provincial Council of the Ukrainian Canadian Congress, to mark the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Manitoba joining the Confederation and the 130<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Ukrainian settlements in Canada.

In January 2020, members of the specially created Manitoba-150 committee decided to honor 150 individuals and organizations in a ceremonial event for their

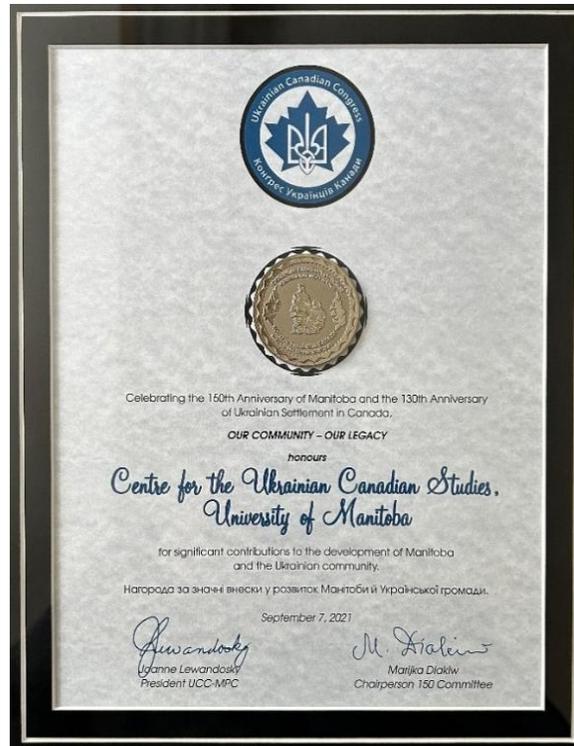
contribution to the life of the Ukrainian community and their significant input into the development and flourishing of Manitoba's cultural, educational, religious, political, social, and economic life.

The implementation of the project planned by the Manitoba Provincial Council and the celebratory events were delayed by the COVID-19 pandemic, the change of government in Manitoba, and the war in Ukraine. Despite this, the committee continued its work, and on September 4, 2021, a list of awardees was published in the provincial press as part of the project «*Our Community – Our Heritage*».

The festive ceremony in honor of Ukrainians in Manitoba, their contribution to the development of the province, and the commemoration of those who have passed away, was held on December 4, 2024, in the rotunda of the Manitoba Legislative Assembly. During the event, a memorial plaque was unveiled to mark the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Manitoba joining the Confederation and the 130<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Ukrainian settlements in Canada, featuring an inscription in three languages – English, French, and Ukrainian. Certificates of «*Awards for Significant Contributions to the Development of Manitoba and the Ukrainian Community*» were presented, with commemorative coins embedded in them.

It is also important to note that the newly unveiled memorial plaque was decided to be placed in the Manitoba Legislative Assembly building, next to the memorial plaque installed in 1951, dedicated to Ukrainian pioneers for their contribution to the development of Canada.

The ceremonial event was covered in the article *Builders of Manitoba, of whom the Ukrainian people are proud* («Будівничі Манітоби, якими гордиться український рід»), the Ukrainian version of which is available online at the following link: <https://ukrpohliad.org/ukrayintsi-v-sviti/budivnychi-manitoby-yakymy-gordytsya-ukrayinskyj-rid.html>



**«Award for Significant Contributions to the Development of Manitoba and the Ukrainian Community» presented to the Centre for Ukrainian Canadian Studies on December 4, 2024, at the Manitoba Legislative Assembly**

## **CUCS timetable for Fall 2025 and Winter 2026**

### **Fall 2025:**

*HIST 2600 - Introduction to Ukraine: MWF 13:30- 14:20*

The history of Ukraine and its people, beginning with medieval Kyivan Rus and ending in the 18<sup>th</sup> century with Ukraine's absorption into the Russian and Austrian empires.

### **Winter 2026:**

*POLS 3720- Politics, Government and Society in Ukraine: T 1430-1715*

An analysis of political transition and development in Ukraine. Ukraine's international relations will also be examined.

*ECON 2510 Economy of Ukraine: MWF 15:30- 16:20*

A study of the Ukrainian economy in Eastern Europe: socioeconomic history, state and structure of the Ukrainian economy within the former Soviet Union, prospects and problems of economic restructuring, and post-war rebuilding.

*HIST 2610- The Making of Modern Ukraine: MWF 14:30-15:20*

The history of cultural, religious, economic and political forces in the period of 1800 to the present.

*HIST 3910 (DE)- Ukrainians in Canada: -Distance Education course, a history of the Ukrainian community in Canada. Topics to be discussed will include immigration, social and political organizations, churches, cultural assimilation, Ukrainian contribution to Canada, and relations with Ukraine.*

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**O. Cap** (March 14, 2025). Took part in the International Conference “Identity and Poetics of Ukrainian Canadian Literature” held at the University of Manitoba. Keynote speaker was the acclaimed prize-winning author Myrna Kostash. The conference focused on critically analyzing the identity and poetics of Ukrainian Canadian literature through different perspectives.

**O. Cap.** (Feb. 23, 2025). Invited by UCC-MB to deliver the Keynote address “Commemorating the third year of the war in Ukraine” at The Canadian Museum for Human Rights. Winnipeg,

MB: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YMPPrpYV1Bxk>.

**Yereniuk, R. and Hryniuk, S.** (Feb.27, 2025). Gave a public presentation entitled “Building History: The Archives of the Manitoba Eastern European Heritage Society” at the Elizabeth Dafoe Library (U of M Archives and Special Collections).

### **Letter of Participation in Ukrainian Canadian Heritage Studies**

**Ivaniuk, Squires Y.** (Feb. 24, 2025). A Zoom meeting was held with Rhonda van Veggel (Experiential Learning and Industry Liaison, Career, Community and Experiential Learning Centre- University Centre). Discussion focused on our Letter of Participation and to see if it aligns with experiential learning at the

University of Manitoba and whether it could be recognized within the Experience Record. On March 28<sup>th</sup> we received confirmation that our application for the Letter of Participation in Ukrainian Canadian heritage Studies has been approved and that this experience has now been added to the Experience catalogue.

*As part of our letter of participation programming the following was held on:*

**April 1, 2025:** Dr. Orest Cap. Served as moderator for the film screening of “Intercepted” by Oksana Karpovych, Centre for Ukrainian Canadian Studies.

*The following reading club session was offered during winter 2025*

**February 5, 2025: Ivaniuk, Squires Y.** Served as facilitator of the reading club meeting discussing “Paper Roses on Stony Mountain” by Diana Stevan, Centre for Ukrainian Canadian Studies.

### **Postdoctoral Fellow Research Update**

CUCS Postdoctoral Fellow **Dr. Oksana Klymenko** is working on a paper entitled “Ukrainian Labor News: Between Communist Ideology and National Identity (1929-1933). Once reviewed, it will be considered for publication in the 11<sup>th</sup> Volume of the Western Canadian Collection, at the University of Alberta.

**Dr. Klymenko** is scheduled to present at the Annual Conference of the Canadian Association of Slavists on May 8-9, 2025, in Edmonton and her paper is entitled “Representation of Ukraine in the Canadian Magazine- *The Working Woman*, (1924-1936).

**Dr. Oksana Klymenko** taught during Winter Term 2025 a course entitled “*Ukrainian Culture from 1990 to the Present*” at the Department of German and Slavic Studies, Faculty of Arts, University of Manitoba.

**March 20, 2025:** Dr. Oksana Klymenko gave a public presentation at the University of Manitoba on “The Great Construction Project in Soviet Ukraine: DniproHES as a Site of Memory (1920s-1930s).

We are grateful to University of Manitoba’s Summer-Work Study program, the Canadian Foundation for Ukrainian Studies (Toronto), the Steve and Anna

Zurawecki Fellowship, and the Canadian Institute of Ukrainian Studies at University of Alberta.

## **Winter Open House at UofM and Ukrainian Canadian Heritage Studies - Undergraduate program**

Feb. 20, 2025. The Winter Open House was held at the University Manitoba. Grade 11-12 students and close relatives were invited to tour, explore academic programs and touch base with UM representatives. Four of our staff members took part in this marketing initiative: Yulia I. Squires, Dr. Orest Cap, Dr. Oksana Klymenko and Solomiya Servetnyk. It was a good opportunity to highlight our major and minor programs, as well as individual courses that students can take while enrolled in various degrees. Our unique interdisciplinary B.A (General, Advance and Minor) program encourages students to pursue their own topics of interests within a Ukrainian Canadian setting. Items highlighted: the Centre awards monetary prizes to the top three students in all our courses, and there are additional substantial awards for those majoring or minoring in UCHS, and that we offer a free Letter of Participation program for the community.



**Solomiia Servetnyk, Dr. Orest Cap and Yulia Ivaniuk Squires (absent from the picture is Dr. Oksana Klymenko).**

## **The Global Coalition of Ukrainian Studies and University of Manitoba.**

Ivaniuk, Squires Y. & Cap. O. (Feb.19, 2025). An initial Zoom meeting was held with Oleh Nikolenko (Toronto, Consul General of Ukraine) regarding our potential involvement in The Global Coalition of Ukrainian Studies and University of Manitoba.

## **Community Engagement**

The Centre continues to take an active part in the following boards and committees:

- Ukrainian Canadian Congress-Manitoba Provincial Council
- Rudnytsky Lecture Planning Committee
- St. Andrew's College Board and Senate
- Full Department of German and Slavic Studies, Faculty Council

## **Social Media and Outreach**

Follow the CUCS on Meta formally called Facebook, Twitter officially now called X, Instagram, and YouTube to stay tuned for future events, Email us at [cucs@umanitoba.ca](mailto:cucs@umanitoba.ca) to subscribe for our mailing list.