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In Ukraine, the ideological battle has no timetable. It seems, however, that the clock is working against the youth and NGOs in their efforts to forestall the imposition of a managed democracy. If the ruling clan succeeds in imposing a managed democracy, it will set back for decades the development in Ukraine of a normal civil society governed by the rule of law. And if Ukraine becomes like Russia or if it merges into Russia, Europe and the West will not have a reliable or stable partner in the region for much of the 21st century. It is not beyond a possibility that eventually a war will have to be fought in Europe in order to return to a stable and just society in the eastern half of the continent.

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History of CUPP

On July 16, 1990, the Ukrainian Parliament adopted the Declaration of Sovereignty, which declared that Parliament recognized the need to build the Ukrainian state based on the Rule of Law. On August 24, 1991, the Ukrainian Parliament adopted the Declaration of Independence, which the citizens of Ukraine endorsed in the referendum of December 1, 1991. Also in 1991, Canadians celebrated the Centennial of Ukrainian group immigration to Canada. To mark the Centennial, organizations planned programs and projects to celebrate this milestone in Canada's history.

The Chair of Ukrainian Studies Foundation of Toronto decided to mark the Centennial by establishing the Canada-Ukraine Parliamentary Program for university students from Ukraine. The Canada-Ukraine Parliamentary Program gives Ukrainian students an opportunity to work and study in the Canadian Parliament, and gain experience from which generations of Canadian, American and West Euro-

pean students have benefited. On the basis of academic excellence, knowledge of the English or French and Ukrainian languages, and on interest in the Westminster model parliamentary system of government, university students from Ukraine and foreign universities, can apply for a CUPP internship program. It is hoped that CUPP will contribute to the education of future leaders of Ukraine.

In 2013, students from universities in Austria, China, Georgia, Germany, the Netherlands, Italy, Russia and Ukraine completed the two month internship in Canada's Parliament and Senate. In the course of the 2014 CUPP Program the Interns met with Bohdan Hawrylyshyn, Member of the Club of Rome, Stephen Poloz, Governor of the Bank of Canada, Ambassador Andrew Bennett of the Office of Religious Freedom, Senator Raynell Andreychuk, Senator David Tkachuk, Senator Denise Batters, and Hon. Jason Kenney, the Hon. Julian Fantino and a host of Government representatives, political and community leaders.

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Putin's Folly

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Recently in the Los Angeles Times, Op-ed piece titled, "What Vladimir Putin chooses not to know about Russian history", Patricia Herlihy wrote: "It's easy to understand why Putin would covet and wish to annex Odessa and other southeast Ukrainian cities, but calling them Russian cities evokes a history that never was. In the 1920s, when Vladimir Lenin made the region officially a part of Ukraine and granted the Ukrainian Socialist Republic a veneer of autonomy, he said he was doing so to avoid Great Russian imperialism and chauvinism."

Vladimir Putin embraces these traits of imperialism and chauvinism, without regret.

Andrei Zorin, Professor of Russian History, Oxford University, in his 2004 article, "Why we don't like Ukraine", wrote: "It seems that the Russian public, right up to its political elite, is beginning to realize that Ukraine's statehood is an irreversible reality. This is a painful process and it has certain characteristic complexes associated with it, such as a separation complex and infantile resentment. One of the reasons for this reaction is that the imperial syndrome is rooted in the understanding of history that has reigned supreme in our national consciousness for the last 200 years. Looking at the history of national statehood as a chain of direct succession uniting a mythic past with the present, we almost

unavoidably exaggerate our own place in it. The Kingdom of Muscovy was enthralled with that conceit, seeing itself as the Third Rome and, maybe to a slightly lesser extent, so was the Russian Empire and, in hyperbolic proportions, the Soviet Union.

We tried to make them (Ukrainians) observe falsified election results and were sincerely nonplussed at their unwillingness to do so. We nearly quintupled the price of natural gas for them.

The price for such ambitions was huge every time."

Vladimir Putin has escalated the dislike for Ukraine's independence from infantile resentment to war of re-conquest. He nourishes this imperial syndrome into the 21st century. Ultimately, like past dictators, he will fail.

Putin's invasion of Crimea and use of assassination squads masquerading as separatists in Eastern Ukraine has been highly criticized. One such critic Andrei Zubov, a historian and formerly professor of philosophy at Moscow State Institute of International Affairs, compared Vladimir Putin to Nazi dictator Adolf Hitler. Zubov stated, "This has all happened before. Austria. Early March 1938. The Nazis wanted to build up their Reich at the expense of another state". Hitler did not succeed.

Vladimir Putin and his entourage of mythmakers are ram-boing

their way through history resorting to the tools of the Big Lie and Russian surrogates and to win the wars of aggression and information. But Russians such as Andrei Zubov realize that self-delusion and distortion of history, and partition of Ukraine, have a price.

Announcing the Putin Doctrine and justifying Russia's illegal seizure of Ukraine's Crimean peninsula in an opulent palace, to demonstrate to the world Russia's power and his own greatness are illusions of power and folly. Putin's tactics, of using little green men to invade Ukraine; hold instant referendums supervised by monitors with military-issue AK-47s, commando knives, flak jackets and walkie-talkies; announcing near perfect voter turnout and near unanimous results reminiscent of elections in the Soviet Union, will not succeed; not for Putin nor for Russia.

The West did not accept the redrafting of borders by Hitler and pushed back Hitler's occupying forces. The West should not accept Moscow's illegal occupation of Crimea and continue to increase sanctions against Russia. Kyiv should stand steadfast in its sovereignty of the Crimean peninsula.

CUPP Interns



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UNIVERSITÀ DI ROMA



Andriy Bryn

Born in Mykolayiv, Lvivska oblast, Ukraine
Hometown: Lviv, Prague, Rome

The University of Rome “La Sapienza”, Italy (est. in 1303), Faculty of Economy, Department of Methods and Models for Economics, Territory and Finance (MEMOTEF), PhD School in Management, Finance, Environment, Institutions in the Global Economy.
2013 **Vasyl Kereliuk** Scholarship recipient.

Intern to **Jason Kenney**, MP for Calgary Southeast, Alberta, Minister of Employment and Social Development and Minister for Multiculturalism. Jason Kenney was born in Ontario and raised in Saskatchewan, where he graduated from Notre Dame College. He did undergraduate studies in philosophy at the University of San Francisco. Mr Kenney served as President and Chief Executive Officer of the Canadian Taxpayers Federation, prior to his election to the House of Commons in 1997 as Member of Parliament for Calgary Southeast. He has been re-elected five times, most recently with 76% of the vote. He is a former Chairman of the House of Commons Subcommittee on International Human Rights, and served in several positions in Opposition, including as Finance Critic and Deputy House Leader. Mr Kenney became Parliamentary Secretary to Prime Minister Harper in 2006, and Secretary of State for Multiculturalism and Canadian Identity in 2007. As Canada's longest-serving Minister of Citizenship and Immigration from 2008 to 2013, Mr. Kenney implemented comprehensive reforms to Canada's immigration, refugee and citizenship programs, leading the National Post to call him “perhaps Canada's best immigration minister ever.” In July, 2013 he was appointed Minister of Employment and Social Development, with a mandate to ensure that Canadians are well-prepared to participate fully in the labour market of the future. He chairs the Cabinet Committee on Operations, is the Regional Minister for Southern Alberta, and sits on the Cabinet Committees for Social Affairs and Planning and Priorities. Mr Kenney has been voted the “best overall” and “hardest working” MP by his colleagues in Maclean's Magazine's annual survey of parliamentarians.

Favourite quote by foreign author: “Failure is not reaching your goal, but in having no goal to reach”. (Benjamin Mays)

My favourite musical recording: Ennio Morricone – Chi Mai.

My favourite Canadian Landscape is **Jasper National Park**. The Jasper National Park in Alberta Canada is the largest National Reservation of the Rocky Mountains. It was declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1984 together with the other national and provincial parks of the Canadian Rockies. The Park is home to a large variety

of stunning natural scenery, waterfalls, canyons, lakes, glaciers and mountains. Some of its attractions include the Pyramid Lake, the Athabasca Glacier and the Columbia Ice field. It's definitely one of the most magnificent tourist attractions in Canada which offers visitors the chance to hike, fish, river raft or camp. If you ever decide to visit this National Park you should check out the Miette Hot Springs.



Iryna BURAK

Born in Minsk, Belarus. Hometown: Ottawa

The University of Ottawa was established in 1848. Faculty of Law, Graduate Studies in Law.

Algonquin College of Applied Arts and Technology was established in 1967. School of Business.

The Academy of Public Administration under the Aegis of the President of the Republic of Belarus was established in 1991. Faculty of Public Administration.

Intern to **Parm Gill**, MP for Brampton-Springdale, Ontario, CPC, La Promenade. Parm immigrated to Canada at a young age with his family, and resides in Brampton with his wife Amarpal, his two sons, Raman and Daman, and his daughter Parmmeet. After completing his studies Parm became involved in a family business. He was first elected to the House of Commons in May 2011 and was appointed Parliamentary secretary to the Minister of Veterans Affairs in September 2013. Parm has served on a number of Standing Committees including Canadian Heritage, Public Safety and National Security, Health, and Procedure and House Affairs.

My favourite Canadian Landscape is Niagara Falls in Ontario. Niagara Falls is the name for three waterfalls that straddle the international border between the province of Ontario, Canada and the state of New York, USA. It is one of the main tourist attractions in Canada, and for Ontario together with the CN Tower. The combined falls form the highest flow rate and are famous not only for their beauty but also serve the industrial purpose of being a valuable source of hydroelectric power.

Favourite quote by English author: The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams (Eleanor Roosevelt).

Favourite musical recording: Nina Simone – Feeling Good.

**Maryna GUSYAKOVA****Born in** Khmelnytsky, Ukraine**Hometown:** Khmelnytsky, currently lives in Germany
2013 Model Ukraine – White Paper Committee participant, Olena HARASYMIV & Jared GRUBB Scholarship recipient.**Foreign languages:** English, German, French.

Intern to **Linda Duncan**, MP for Edmonton-Strathcona, Alberta; Confederation Building. Linda Duncan is a member of the New Democratic Party and, since 2008, she has been the only MP from an Alberta riding not a member of the Conservative Party. Linda has participated in the CUPP for 3 years and delighted to receive three exceptional interns from the Ukraine. In May 2012 Ms. Duncan was a member of the Foreign Affairs Parliamentary Committee study tour to Ukraine, examining matters related to concerns with erosion of democracy and rule of law leading into the 2012 national elections. She met with representatives of the federal, regional and local governments, national opposition parties, human rights advocate, business councils and media in Kiev, Kharkiv and Lviv. In the fall of 2013 Linda joined the team of international election monitors for the national election and was posted to Lviv. As a member and director of the Canada-Ukraine Parliamentary Friendship Group Ms. Duncan has had the opportunity of interacting with the Canadian Ukrainian community, the Embassy and visiting delegations from Ukraine. She has also had the honour of participating in a number of seminars sponsored by Canadian-Ukrainian organizations and institutes. Recently, Linda was honoured to be appointed the Honorary Chair for the Maple Leaf Alberta Project whose focus is the construction of a safe house to divert youth from the sex trade and human trafficking and to build awareness on this trade (www.mapleleafap.ca).

My favourite Canadian landscape: **Library of Parliament.** Parliamentary Library is the main information repository and research resource for the Parliament of Canada. The main branch of the library sits at the rear of the Centre Block, on Parliament Hill, in Ottawa, Ontario, and is the last untouched part of that larger building's original incarnation, after it burned down in 1916. The library has been augmented and renovated a number of times since its construction in 1876, the last between 2002 and 2006, though the form and decor remain essentially authentic. The building today serves as a Canadian icon, and appears on the obverse of the Canadian ten-dollar bill.

Favourite quote by foreign author: "The rights of every

man are diminished when the rights of one man are threatened." John F. Kennedy

Favourite music recording: Квитка Цісик (Kvitka Cisyk) – Я піду в далекі гори and Dva kol'ory.**Nina HAWRYLOW****Born in** Salzburg, Austria. **Hometown:** Vienna, Austria

Intern to Hon. Stephen Woodworth, MP for Kitchener, Ontario. Stephen Woodworth was elected as the MP of Kitchener Centre in 2008. Currently he is serving on the House of Commons' Environment and Sustainable Development Committee and in the Public Accounts Committee. In 1977 Mr. Woodworth completed his law degree at the Wilfrid Laurier University and practiced law for almost 30 years until he was elected. Over the years, he was a Board member and advisor in many local organizations. In 1994, 1997 and 2000 he was elected the School Trustee in Kitchener and has also been lector at his church. Mr. Woodworth is a very respectful person. He ends every talk with a Thank you, which he saved in his Blackberry in 25 different languages – among them of course Дякую. I had the pleasure to go for lunch with him, talk about his ancestors and found out that he has a Ukrainian greatgrandmother, a Polish greatgrandfather and Russian roots on his father's side.

2013 William & Antonina Bazylewych Scholarship recipient.

University of Vienna was established in 1365. Faculty of Philology, Institute of German Philology and Institute of Slavic Philology
Principle of the University: „Die Wissenschaft und ihre Lehre ist frei.“ (Freedom of research and research-based education).

Languages: German, Ukrainian, English, (Russian, Polish, Italian basics).

My favourite monument in Ottawa is the Canadian Tribute to Human Rights close to the City Hall. It was designed by Melvin Charney, an artist and architect from Montreal and unveiled by the 14. Dalai Lama Tenzin Gyatso in 1990. The granite facade bears the first sentence of the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights: "All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights.". The words "Dignity", "Equality" and "Rights" appear next to English and French in 73 of Canada's Aboriginal Peoples' languages.

Favourite quote by an author: „Незнаючи інших мов, ти ніколи не розумієш мовчання іноземців.“ (Stanislav Lec; Polish poet from Lviv) (If you do not know foreign languages, you will never understand a foreigner's silence.).

Favourite musical recording: James Blake – The Wilhem Scream



Artem HUMENIUK

Born in Liubashivka, Odes'ka oblast', Ukraine
Hometown: Liubashivka

Kyiv National Linguistic University was established in 1948.
Faculty of Translators

2001 Alexander Sabadosh Scholarship recipient.

Intern to **Ed Komarnicki**, MP for Souris-Moose Mountain, Saskatchewan, Justice Building. Ed has been actively supporting the Ukrainian community in Canada and has participated in the CUPP Program for the past few years, having hosted 5 interns already. Ed's riding is known for building the world's first near zero CO2 emission coal-fired plant where the CO2 is captured, stored and used to increase oil production, and all of it done in an environmentally friendly manner. Having ancestral roots in Ukraine, Ed was born and raised in rural Saskatchewan. Ed pursued a career in the general practice of Law in the community of Estevan and the surrounding area for over thirty years, and was elected as a member of parliament in 2004. He served as a Bencher with the Law Society of Saskatchewan in various capacities including Chair of Professional Standards, Legislation and Policy, Equity Diversity, and Vice Chair of Discipline. He also served as Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Immigration and Human Resources and chaired the Human Resources Committee. Over the years, Ed has demonstrated a strong commitment to his family, community and public service, which all contribute to his excellent leadership skills and his understanding of the needs of constituents. Ed and his wife Sally raised eight children and are the proud grandparents of ten grandchildren.

My favourite Canadian Landscape is Kananaskis Country which is a park system situated to the west of Calgary, Alberta, Canada in the foothills and front ranges of the Canadian Rockies. An ecological and environmental research station of the University of Calgary is located nearby, at Barrier Lake. A "Tim Horton Children's Foundation" summer camp is also located in the area. Easter Seals Camp Horizon is also located within Kananaskis along Highway 66. Kananaskis Country is noted for recreation and tourism. Recreation facilities in Kananaskis include several campgrounds, a golf course, a hotel, a holiday ranch, two alpine ski areas (Nakiska, which hosted alpine skiing and freestyle moguls skiing during the 1988 Winter Olympics and Fortress Mountain Resort and a competitive cross-country ski area (the Canmore Nordic Centre) that the public can use. On June 26 and June 27, 2002, the area hosted the 28th G8 Summit. This annual "Group of 8" Summit was held

in Kananaskis Village at the Kananaskis Resort (also called the "Delta Lodge at Kananaskis"). This was the second time Canada used a lodge venue for the G8 Summit, after its inaugural 7th G7 Summit at Montebello, Quebec in 1981. So far, it is the only G8 Summit to be held in western Canada. The 2002 conference pumped some \$300-million into the Kananaskis and Alberta economy; however, security cost taxpayers in excess of \$200-million.



Hanna IANOVA

Born in Kyiv, Ukraine. Hometown: Kyiv.

National University of "Kyiv-Mohyla Academy" was established in 1615. Law School.

2013 Eugene Palenka CUPP -1995, (University of Kharkiv) Scholarship recipient.

Intern to **Mark Warawa**, MP for Langley, British Columbia. La Promenade Building. Mark was re-elected again in 2011 to the 41st Canadian Parliament for his fourth term as the Member of Parliament for Langley with the highest number of Federal votes in BC. Mark has the honourable distinction of being the Parliamentary Secretary to four different Ministers of the Environment, from 2006 to 2011, helping guide Canada through 5 difficult years of minority Government. In 2011, Mark was appointed to the position of Chair of the Standing Committee of Environment and Sustainable Development for Canada, overseeing Canada's Environmental Committee work, studies and legislative reviews. In 2013, he was appointed to the Standing Committee on Industry. Mr. Warawa was with Canadian Prime Minister Harper on an official State visit to Ukraine. Mark Warawa is a long time Langley, BC resident where he and his beautiful wife Diane raised their 5 children. They now have 10 grandchildren.

My favourite Canadian Landscape is Mont-Tremblant. It is a small village in Quebec, known for the famous Mont-Tremblant Ski Resort. It is located in the Laurentian mountain range. The name of the mountain, Mont Tremblant, was derived from the local Algonquin natives, who called it the "trembling mountain." The summit is at an elevation of 875 metres, which makes it one of the tallest peaks in the Laurentians.

Favourite quote by foreign author: "Experience is a good school. But the fees are high". Henrich Heine.

My favourite musical recording: The Script – Good Ol' Days.



Sulkhani INAISHVILI

Born in: Batumi, Adjara, Georgia. **Hometown:** Tbilisi.

2013 East West Management Institute Scholarship.

Intern to **Alexandrine Latendresse**, MP. Alexandrine hails from the small town of l'Épaphanie in Québec's Lanaudière region. As a teenager, when time came to pursue a college degree, Alexandrine left her home town and ventured out to study in Rimouski, a town for which she still feels a strong emotional attachment. Her university courses first took her to Québec City where, in 2006, she completed a diploma in Russian language. From September 2006 until May 2007, she lived in Moscow and taught French at the State University for Social Sciences (RGGU). After returning home, she settled down in Montreal where she attended the Université du Québec à Montréal (UQAM). In 2009, she again left for the Old Capital where, until May 2011, she planned to complete a degree in linguistics at Laval University. During the constitution of the NDP Shadow Cabinet, Jack Layton nominated Alexandrine to the Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs (commonly called PROC) and deputy critic to Democratic Reform. She was later promoted to vice-chair of this same committee in the fall of 2012. PROC, since the start of the 41st Parliament, has worked notably on the improvement of the electoral system, on insuring greater accountability in political financing and on strengthening ethical conduct in Parliament. Within the New Democratic Party, Alexandrine stands out most particularly by her ever growing expertise on the countries from the former Soviet space and those that formed what used to be called the Eastern Bloc. Alexandrine took part in the parliamentary commission to Ukraine in May 2012 and was chosen as a delegate to the Asia-Pacific Forum held in Vladivostok in January 2013. She is the chair of the Canada-Georgia Parliamentary Friendship Group.

Outstanding landmark or architecture in Canada: Gatineau Golf and Country Club features an extensive, three-year renovation that includes a newly constructed 11,000 sq. ft. Clubhouse with pro shop, restaurant and complete banquet and catering facilities. The 18-hole public golf course surrounding the community of La Croisée Aylmer meets championship specifications by playing more than 7,000 yards. This historic course has been significantly improved by renowned architect and player Graham Cooke.

Favorite quote by foreign author: Don't walk behind me; I may not lead. Don't walk in front of me; I may not follow. Just walk beside me and be my friend. Albert Camus.

My favorite musical recording: Connie Francis - Love Is Where You Find It.



Anna KUPRIEIEVA

Born in Horlivka, Ukraine. Hometown: Kyiv.

University of Ottawa was established in 1848. Faculty of Law, Common Law Section

Donetsk National University was established in 1937. Economics and Law Faculty.

Intern to Mike Sullivan, MP for York South-Weston, Ontario, NDP, Confederation Building. Mike has participated in the CUPP Program for the past few years. Mike Sullivan is proud to call York South-Weston his home. He, his wife Andrée and their family have lived in Weston since 1992. It's where they raised their 7 children, where they put down roots and where they have worked hard each and every day to make a positive difference in the lives of everyone they know. He spent 10 years working at the CBC, then 27 years as a union representative for the Communications, Energy and Paperworkers Union of Canada (CEP). In 2011 Mike Sullivan was elected as Member of Parliament for York South-Weston, representing the New Democratic Party. He serves in Parliament on the Standing Committee on Transport, Infrastructure and Communities. Mike is the NDP's Deputy Critic for Persons with Disabilities, and is Chair of the NDP's Rail Caucus. I would like to express my gratitude to Mike Sullivan and his team for their support and immense expertise, leading me working on diverse exciting regulatory, environmental and energy issues. My internship has also given me the unique chance to explore great examples of political leadership and democracy in action within the Parliament of Canada.

My favorite Canadian Landscape is The Rideau Canal. The Rideau Canal is living history. It is the oldest continuously operated canal in North America and the locks are operated today much as they were when first opened in 1832. Today it is a visitor's paradise with its many historic lockstations and 202 kilometres (125 miles) of scenic waterway. The Rideau Canal, a National Historic Site of Canada, a Canadian Heritage River and a UNESCO World Heritage Site, consists of a series of beautiful lakes and rivers connected by canals. It stretches from Kingston, at the foot of Lake Ontario, to Ottawa, Canada's capital. It is arguably the most scenic and historic waterway in North America.

Favorite quote by foreign author: The greatest truth must be recognition that in every man, in every child is the potential for greatness (R. Kennedy).

My favorite musical recording: Barry White – Never Never Gonna Give Up.



Iryna KUTNYAK

Born in Kharkiv, Ukraine. **Hometown:** Kharkiv.

University of Kharkiv (Vasyl Karazin National University of Kharkiv) was established in 1804. Faculty of Philology, Department of Applied Linguistics.

2013 Andriy OLENYUK, CUPP 2007, University of Lviv Scholarship recipient.

Intern to **Corneliu CHISU**, MP for Pickering-Scarborough East, Ontario. Chisu was born in Satu Mare, Romania, and he attended high school at Mihai Eminescu National College. He graduated from Polytechnic University of Bucharest in 1971 with a degree in engineering physics. He worked as a researcher at the Research Energy Institute in Bucharest and as a teaching assistant at the Polytechnic University while pursuing his Ph.D., specializing in the field of photovoltaic conversion of solar energy. In 1976 he joined the Italian Trade Commission in Bucharest as a trade analyst. He immigrated to Italy in 1981, and to Canada in 1982. In Canada Chisu worked at the Italian Trade Commission in Toronto as a senior trade analyst in the field of industrial cooperation in the manufactured goods area, and pursued his Master of Engineering degree at the University of Toronto, from which he graduated in 1988. In 1989 he was certified as a professional engineer. He also acted for several years as the honorary consul of the Republic of Moldova in Toronto. He was recognized for his work by the President of Moldova, who conferred on him the Medal of Civic Merit in 2012.

My favourite Canadian Landscape: Toronto Centre Island – The **Toronto Islands** are a chain of small islands in the city of Toronto, Ontario. Comprising the only group of islands in the western part of Lake Ontario, the Toronto Islands are located just offshore from the city centre, and provide shelter for Toronto Harbour. The islands are a popular recreational destination, and are home to a small residential community and to the Billy Bishop Toronto City Airport. They are connected to the mainland by several ferry services and, as of 2014, an underwater pedestrian tunnel will be completed.

Favourite quote by foreign author: “You can have it all. Just not all at once.” /Oprah Winfrey/

Favourite musical recording: Yanni Hrisomallis – In the Morning Light.



Kateryna LATYSH

Born in: Kharkiv, Ukraine.

Hometown: Kharkiv, Ukraine.

National University «Yaroslav the Wise Law Academy of Ukraine» was established in 1804: Master of Law with honors (2011); PhD student (third year), Criminalistics Department (2011-2014). **Motto of University:** “Vivat Lex!”

Second higher education: University of Kharkiv (Vasyl Karazin National University of Kharkiv, Ukraine) was established in 1804. Faculty of Economics, Department of International Economics: Specialist of International Economics (2012).

Foreign languages: English, French (basic), Russian.

2013 Olexiy SOSHENKO CUPP-1995, Kyiv (Yaroslav the Wise National Law Academy of Ukraine) Scholarship Recipient.

Intern to **Isabelle MORIN**, MP for Notre-Dame-de-Grâce--Lachine, Quebec. Isabelle Morin is a young politician. She decided long ago as a university student that Canadian society can be much fairer for everyone. Isabelle is currently serving as a member of the Health Committee (HESA). After being elected in 2011, Isabelle is focusing her efforts in the House of Commons on getting Canadians the 21st century public transit they deserve, making our roads, bridges and airways safer, and keeping rail service accessible for passengers and freight customers alike. Isabelle is also fighting to reduce noise pollution affecting those who live near airports, as this is a major health concern and nuisance. It is not the only area she provides support for her Constituency. Isabelle is also concerned about combating human trafficking and provides protection of animal rights. Since her election in 2011, Isabelle has pushed for a variety of high-profile initiatives, including federal funding for the replacement of the Champlain Bridge and aging infrastructure throughout Notre-Dame-de-Grâce--Lachine--Dorval, as well as fighting against undemocratic Conservative omnibus bills: the “Trojan Horse” Budget Bill C-38 and Crime Bill C-30.

My favorite Canadian Landscape is Montreal Botanic Garden. The Montréal Botanical Garden, one of the city’s “phenomenons”, is recognized as one of the world’s greatest botanical gardens. With its collection of 22,000 plant species and cultivars, 10 exhibition greenhouses, Tree House, and some 30 thematic gardens spread out over 75 hectares, it’s also a perfect place to enjoy fresh air and natural beauty. Located just minutes from downtown Montréal, right near the Biodome and Olympic Park, the Montreal Botanical Garden is a veritable living museum of plants from the four corners of the globe.

Favourite quote by foreign author: Experience is not what happens to a man. It is what a man does with what happens to him. Aldous Huxley

My favourite musical recording: Sade – Jezebel.



Oleh LEHKYY

Born in Ternopil, Ukraine. Hometown: Ternopil.

University of Ternopil (Ternopil National Economic University) was established in 1966. Ukrainian-Dutch Faculty of Economics and Management, Department of international management and marketing.

University of Gdansk was established in 1970. Faculty of Economic, Department of International Economic Relations.

2013 – Paul YUZYK Scholarship recipient.

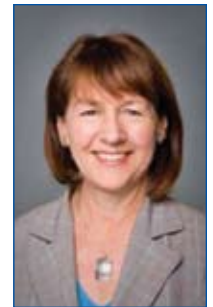
Intern to **Joe DANIEL**, MP for Don Valley East, Ontario, who was elected to the Canadian House of Commons in the 2011 election. This was the first time Joe took an Ukrainian intern. Mr. Daniel is a member of the Conservative Party. He is the first Canadian MP of Malayali descent. Upon earning his Engineering degree, Joe joined Westland Helicopters Ltd. in England. Joe came to Canada in 1987 as part of the team working on the Canadian version of the EH101 and their support for the Canadian New Ship borne Aircraft (NSA) Program for the Canadian Military. In October 1995, Joe moved to Toronto and joined (IBM) Celestica International Inc, where he worked as the Engineering and Senior Program Global Manager. As a part time Professor at Humber and Centennial Colleges, Joe published and presented a number of papers on Fibre Optic technology. Joe owned a graphics design and printing service business, which was located in the riding of Don Valley East. Joe has lived and worked in the Don Valley East Riding for 14 years. In Parliament, Joe is a member of the Standing Committee of Human Resources and Skills Development and the Standing Committee on Transport Infrastructure and Communities. Apart from that, Joe is an active member of many different Parliamentary Associations (e.g. Canadian-African) and numerous other friendship (e.g. relations with Uzbekistan, Malawi) groups.

My favorite Canadian landscape is the Chateau Frontenac. The Chateau Frontenac is a grand hotel in Quebec City, Quebec, Canada, which is operated as Fairmont Le Chateau Frontenac. It was designated a National Historic Site of Canada in 1980. Prior to the building of the hotel, the site was occupied by the Chateau Haldimand, residence of the British colonial governors of Lower Canada and Quebec. The hotel is generally recognized as the most photographed hotel in the world, in large part because of how it dominates the skyline of Quebec City. The Chateau Frontenac was designed by American architect Bruce Price, as one of a series of "chateau" style hotels built for the Canadian Pacific Railway company (aka CPR) during the late 19th and early 20th centuries; actually, one of them we can observe in Ottawa. CPR's policy was to promote luxury tourism by appealing to wealthy travelers. The Chateau Frontenac opened in 1893, six years after the Banff Springs Hotel, which was owned by the same company and similar in style. The Chateau Frontenac was named after Louis de Buade, Count of Frontenac, who was governor of the colony of New France from 1672 to 1682 and

1689 to 1698. The Chateau was built near the historic Citadelle, the construction of which Frontenac had begun at the end of the 17th century. Although several of Quebec City's buildings are taller, the landmark hotel is perched atop a tall cape overlooking the Saint Lawrence River, affording a spectacular view for several kilometers. The building is the most prominent feature of the Quebec City skyline as seen from across the St. Lawrence. In 1944, Chateau became the action center of the Quebec Conferences of World War II. In 2011, the hotel was sold to Ivan Cambridge, and work began on replacement of the main tower's copper roof, at the cost of \$7.5 million. An image of the roof was printed on polypropylene safety netting and hung from scaffolding to hide the refurbishing project from view.

Favorite quote by Foreign author: "Winds of Change will Winds of Fortune bring" (Eric Adams).

Favorite musical recording: Stratovarius – "Dreamweaver".



Nataliia LITVINOVA

Born in Severodonets'k, Ukraine. Hometown: Severodonets'k.

Luhansk Taras Shevchenko National University was established in 1921. Faculty of Foreign Languages, Department of Translation Studies.

Zhejiang Normal University (China). International Education Institute. Zhejiang Normal University was established in 1956.

Foreign languages: Russian (second native), English, Chinese.

2013 Vadym Samoilenko, CUPP 1993, scholarship recipient.

Intern to **Hon. Joyce MURRAY**, MP for Vancouver Quadra, British Columbia. **About my MP:** Joyce Murray was first elected as Vancouver Quadra's voice in Parliament in 2008...and hit the ground running! In Ottawa, Joyce is a fierce advocate for the key issues of environment and climate change; building a stronger, greener economy with emphasis on job creation and support for small businesses; human rights and women's rights; education with a focus on financial support for college and university students; health and home care; and preventative health. Joyce follows a rich tradition of strong leadership in Vancouver Quadra, joining the ranks of Hon. Stephen Owen, Ted McWhinney and former Prime Minister Right Hon. John Turner in representing one of Canada's most beautiful ridings. As an active member of the Canada-China Legislative Association, Joyce is steadfast in helping to strengthen Canada's ties with China and the Asia-Pacific. Before entering federal politics, Joyce was elected MLA in the BC Government. With her extensive experience in the environmen-

tal and business community she was immediately appointed as the province's Environment Minister and served in this role from 2001 to 2004, and then served in 2005 as Minister of Management Services. Joyce's path to provincial and federal politics is indeed unique. Her twitter profile reads: "tree planter MP goes to Ottawa," as she co-founded an international reforestation company that has planted over a billion trees. Currently Joyce is a Member of Parliament for Vancouver Quadra and the Liberal Critic for National Defence.

My favourite Canadian landmark/monument: Mont-Tremblant is a small village in Quebec, Canada, known for the famous Mont-Tremblant Ski Resort. Located in the Laurentian mountain range, Mont-Tremblant ("Trembling mountain" in French) is surrounded by lush boreal forest and breathtaking views, standing at 875 meters (2871 feet). Despite being a ski resort, in recent years, Mont-Tremblant has become a popular getaway for tourist and locals alike, whether in winter or in summer. Mont-Tremblant is divided into two parts. The original village of Mont-Tremblant now goes by the name of The Village, but these days it's The Resort (aka the Pedestrian Village), some 13 km away directly at the foot of the mountain, where the action is. Built by Intrawest (the company behind Whistler) starting in 1992, the Resort is a somewhat Disneyland-y concoction of pretty pastel houses, but it looks improbably idyllic in winter with a light (or, not uncommonly, heavy) dusting of snow, maple logs on the fire and lights twinkling in the windows. Vehicles are strictly prohibited - hence the name - and many hotels can be reached directly on ski. A free gondola connects the lower hotels to the ski lifts. Surrounding the inhabited areas is Mont-Tremblant National Park (Parc national du Mont-Tremblant), the biggest park in the SEPAQ network and the first national park to have been created in Quebec.

(from Wikitravel <http://wikitravel.org/en/Mont-Tremblant>)



Lyudmyla MELNYK

Born in Shostka, Ukraine. Hometown: Lutsk.

University of Mainz (Johannes Gutenberg University of Mainz) was established in 1477. Faculty of Translation Studies, Linguistics and Cultural Studies, M.A. in Conference Interpreting.

2013 **Eugene Palenka** Scholarship recipient.

Intern to **Niki Ashton**, MP for Churchill in Manitoba, Ontario, Confederation Building. Niki Ashton's Riding has the highest percentage of North American Indians in Canada; the highest percentage of Cree speakers. Niki is a strong

voice for gender equality and human rights and gender equality rights. She has spoken out on poverty throughout her political career and in her time as a student and teacher - calling for action to end the third-world conditions facing Northern and Aboriginal people.

My favourite Canadian Landscape is Mont-Tremblant. Mont-Tremblant is a city in the Laurentian mountains of Quebec and is famous for ski resort. The surrounding area also features hiking, cycling, canoeing, golfing, and a host of other outdoor activities. The highest peak receives on average 380 cm (12.47 feet) of snow each year and has the most powerful snowmaking system in Eastern Canada. Its 95 trails and 3 snow parks offer spectacular views and thrilling runs. Also, Parc National du Mont-Tremblant has a vast universe of lakes and rivers set against a mountain backdrop and provides a rich mixture of Québec's natural and historical heritages. It is the biggest park in the network and the first national park to have been created in Québec.

Favourite quote by foreign author: Be yourself; everyone else is already taken – Oscar Wilde. To get to the source, you must swim against the current – Stanislav Lem.

My favourite musical recording: Led Zeppelin – Since I've Been Loving You.



Kseniia MUKHINA

Born in Kyiv, Ukraine. Hometown: Kyiv.

National University of "Kyiv-Mohyla Academy" was established in 1615. Faculty of Economics. Department of Finance.

Motto of University: Tempus fugit, Academia sempiterna. – Час плинний, Академія вічна. – Time passes, Academy remains eternal.

2013 **Oksana LESKIV CUPP 2007, (University of Lviv)** scholarship recipient.

Intern to **Peggy NASH**, MP for Parkdale-High Park, Toronto, Ontario. Peggy is truly an astonishing woman: she managed to raise three sons, but also to be the Vice Chair of the Standing Committee on Finance and stay on top of budget issues. She was also an international observer during elections in Ukraine in 2004 and 2007, in Kyiv and Zaporizhzhia, and has been recently re-elected Vice Chair of the Canada-Ukraine Parliamentary Friendship Group. Peggy is proud to be a founding member of Equal Voice, a multi-partisan organization that advo-

cates for the election of more women in Canada. A graduate in French language and literature from the University of Toronto, Peggy is fluent in English, French and Spanish, but she is also eager to learn Ukrainian. The very first time I met her, she asked me to teach her to sing Ukrainian anthem. After one session Peggy was already singing the chorus. This was a truly proud moment for me!

My favourite Canadian Landscape is the Gatineau Park. The beautiful and astonishing nature of the Gatineau Park took my breath away the very first moment I saw it. The peaceful and majestic Pink Lake awakens creativity and the surrounding park offers a peaceful calmness.

Favourite quote by foreign author: "In preparing for battle I have always found that plans are useless, but planning is indispensable." Dwight D. Eisenhower.

Favourite musical recording: "Enjoy the Silence" by Depeche Mode.



Olha MUZYCHENKO

Born in Zaporizhzhya, Ukraine. Hometown: Kyiv.

Taras Shevchenko National university of Kyiv was established in 1834. Institute of International relations, "international information" faculty.

2013 Yaroslav Gregirchak Scholarship recipient.

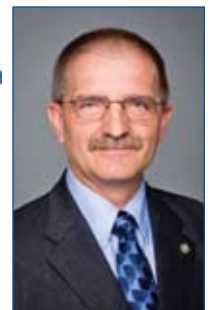
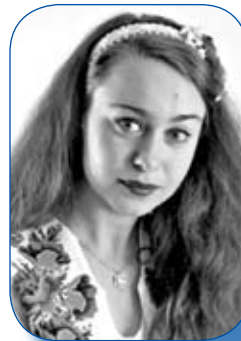
Intern to **Mylene Freeman**, MP for Argenteuil-Papineau-Mirabel, Quebec, Confederation building. She is currently a member of the committee on Citizenship and Immigration and has previously been a member of the Status of Women committee. She is the elected Chair of the NDP Women's Caucus and is a Vice-president of the Canadian Association of Parliamentarians on Population and Development. Since coming into office, Mylene has distinguished herself through her work defending rural citizens and environmental issues, and makes a point of being accessible to the citizens of her riding. Mylene has been involved with the New Democratic Party since 2007. As well as having been involved in campaigns and outreach, she has been president of NDP McGill, the Montreal youth organizer for the Jeunes néo-démocrates du Québec, and the youth representative for the Outremont Riding Association. Prior to her election, Mylene was a Student Fellow for the McGill Research Group on Constitutional Studies, worked as a research assistant in Political Theory, and was a coordinator of McGill Women in House, a program mandated to promote women's representation in government by encouraging young women to get involved in Canadian politics. Her first experience as a candidate was in 2009 when she ran for borough-coun-

cilor of the district Claude-Ryan in Outremont (Montréal) under the banner of Projet Montréal. She holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from McGill in Political Science and Philosophy. She hails originally from Stouffville, Ontario/

My favorite Canadian landscape is CN tower. The CN Tower is Toronto's tallest and most defining landmark. Photos of Toronto are often defined by the building, which stretches more than 550 metres into the sky. Today, aside from serving as a hub for telecommunications across the city, the CN Tower has become a major tourist destination. Visitors can test their courage by walking across the glass floor 113 stories above the ground. The first of its kind in the world, the glass floor gives you that dare-to-walk-on-air experience, with only 2.5 inches of glass holding you 342 metres in the air. The glass floor is actually stronger than most commercial floors and has the strength to hold 38,556 kg (85,000 lbs) or 14 hippos. Or, if you dare, travel higher up the tower to the Sky Pod, another 33 storeys above ground.

Favourite quote by foreign author: "Life is the message" Mahatma Gandhi.

My favourite musical recording: Guns'n'roses "Knocking on the heaven's door", Pink Floyd "Wish you were here", all songs of Okean El'zi.



Marianna MYKHAYLYUK

Born in Ternopil, Ukraine. Hometown: Lviv.

University of Lviv (Ivan Franko National University of Lviv) was established in 1661. MA & BA in German Studies (with honors), BA in International Journalism (with honors).

Troy University Troy, AL, USA, established in 1887. International Relations Major with Minor in Leadership (with honors).

2013 Tetiana Mackiw Scholarship recipient.

Intern to **Wladyslaw LIZON**, MP for Mississauga East-Cooksville, Ontario, CPC, Confederation Building. MP Wladyslaw Lizon has participated in the CUPP Program for the past few years. Wladyslaw Lizon was elected on 2nd May 2011 General Election. He is the first Polish-born raised and educated Member of Parliament elected to the House of Commons. He serves as a member of the Veterans Affairs Committee and the Health Committee. With a long history of service to Canadians, Wladyslaw will work tirelessly for the needs of his constituents as the Member of Parlia-

ment for Mississauga East-Cooksville. As a proud resident of Mississauga, MP Lizon also serves as Vice-President on the Board of Directors for the Wawel Villa Seniors Residences. In addition, he has stood up for all cultural communities in Canada as Director of the Canadian Ethno cultural Council.

Favorite quote by foreign author: To a child I shall give wings, but I shall let him learn to fly on his own. I would teach the old that, death does not come with old age, but with forgetting. (Gabriel Garcia Marquez).

My favorite musical recording: John LENNON "Imagine".

My favourite Canadian Landscape is Niagara Falls. **Niagara Falls** is the collective name for three waterfalls that straddle the international border between Canada and the United States. From largest to smallest, the three waterfalls are the Horseshoe Falls, the American Falls and the Bridal Veil Falls. Located on the Niagara River, which drains Lake Erie into Lake Ontario, the combined falls form the highest flow rate of any waterfall in the world, with a vertical drop of more than 165 feet (50 m). Horseshoe Falls is the most powerful waterfall in North America, as measured by vertical height and also by flow rate. The falls are located 17 miles (27 km) north-northwest of Buffalo, New York and 75 miles (121 km) south-southeast of Toronto, between the twin cities of Niagara Falls, Ontario, and Niagara Falls, New York.



Natalia MYKYTEI

Born in Yuzhnoukrainsk, Mykolaivska oblast, Ukraine. Hometown: Mykolaiv.

Petro Mohyla Black Sea State University was established in 1996. Faculty of Philology. Department of Theory and Practice of Translation.

2013 **Tamara Nefedova** Scholarship recipient.

Intern to **Raymond Côté**, MP for Beauport-Limoilou, Québec. Before being elected, Mr Côté worked at Services Québec and has been a resident of Limoilou for 20 years. Now he is MP for Beauport-Limoilou and started his mandate as a member of the Shadow Cabinet as critic on the subject of Small Business & Tourism. After sitting on the Committee on Justice and Human Rights, he now sits on the Committee on Finance. Mr Côté is an active community member and volunteer. He is a member of the committee La Ville que nous voulons and is a member of Collectif Québec pour la Paix. He has been involved in many consultative com-

mittees including the Parents' Council of the Commission scolaire de la Capitale from 2004 to 2007. He is also treasurer of the Centre de par-rainage civique de Québec which seeks to break the isolation of persons in need. Mr Côté received a Bachelor of Arts degree from the Université Laval in 1993 in economics and international relations. It has been a great pleasure for me to work in the office of Mr Côté. I am very grateful to him and to his assistants Robert Séguin, David Chamberland, Valérie Picard Lavoie and Mathieu Giroux for letting me become a part of their team and for giving me a chance to get experience of working both on the Parliament Hill and in their office in Beauport-Limoilou riding of Québec City. It has been a truly remarkable experience!

My favourite Canadian Landscape is the Charlevoix region. It is located in Québec and includes parts of the north shore of the Saint Lawrence River and the Laurentian Mountains region of the Canadian Shield. The topography of this region was dramatically altered by a meteorite impact that occurred 350 million years ago creating the Charlevoix crater. The impact created the forty-mile-wide crater that is the heart of Quebec's Charlevoix region, ranging from just west of Baie-Saint-Paul to just east of La Malbaie. Today, the area inside the crater is home to 90 percent of Charlevoix residents and is a very pastoral setting by comparison to what it could have been.

Favourite quote by foreign author: If you can talk with crowds and keep your virtue,/ Or walk with Kings – nor lose the common touch,/ If neither foes nor loving friends can hurt you,/ If all men count with you, but none too much:/ If you can fill the unforgiving minute/ With sixty seconds' worth of distance run,/ Yours is the Earth and everything that's in it,/ And – which is more – you'll be a Man, my son! (Rudyard Kipling). "Peculiar travel suggestions are dancing lessons from God". (Kurt Vonnegut).

My favourite musical recordings: Daniel Belanger – Les Deux Printemps, Nestor Piazzolla – Libertango.



Anna NOVOSAD

Born in Ladyzhyn, Ukraine. Hometown: Kyiv.

Maastricht University was established in 1975. Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, Department of Political Science, MA Analyzing Europe.

2011 **Zvenislava Opeyda** Scholarship recipient.

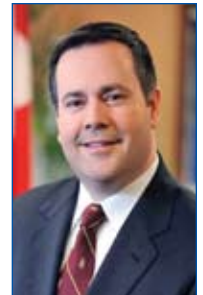
Intern to **Mike Wallace**, MP for Burlington, Ontario, CPC, East Block. Mr. Wallace's office has been hosting the CUPP interns for the last few years. Mike is an enthusiastic advocate of a strong Canada-Ukraine cooperation, and is an active member of the respective Parliamentary friendship group. In 2004 Mike was nominated for the first time as the candidate for the newly-formed Conservative Party and has been representing Burlington in the House of Commons since 2006. Mr. Wal-

lace was re-elected in 2008 and 2011. Mike's reputation as a hardworking and dedicated, yet amazingly positive and friendly politician precedes him. He was elected to Burlington City Council in 1994, with the following re-elections. The MP is passionate about his riding, which is one of the wealthiest and economically most stable constituencies in Ontario. He is a community volunteer and works particularly hard to develop and maintain in Burlington modern public infrastructure that is compatible with sustainable environment. Mike is a graduate of the University of Guelph with a major in Economics and Political Science. Having a deep concern about the current health situation in Canada, Mike is a fervent promoter of an active life style. A runner, he has already hit 7 marathon races in different Canadian provinces with a few more to go.

My favourite Canadian Landscape is The Canadian Museum of Civilization – a spectacular national museum of human history. Located in Gatineau, Quebec, directly across Parliament Hill, the museum displays the spin of Canada's 20,000 years history with its underlying bedrock of multiculturalism and ethnical diversity. The Museum itself was founded in 1856 in Montreal and was moved to the capital in 1881. The exhibitions have been re-located several times until Pierre Trudeau's government resolution to establish a facility specifically tailored for the purposes of this museum. An honour to design a building was bestowed on a renowned Canadian architect Douglas Cardinal. Born of aboriginal heritage, Cardinal is widely known for his trademark flowing architecture style with smooth curvilinear lines reminiscent of nature. The architect among other things worked for The Smithsonian Institution as the Primary Design Architect for the National Museum of the American Indian. The brilliant talent and outstanding professional experience helped to create an absolutely spellbinding and enchanting building of the Museum of Civilization. You won't find any corner's either on the museum's exterior facade or inside the exhibition halls as it is believed among the first nations that the evil malignant spirits hide in the nooks and alcoves. A synthesis of aboriginal mythos, Indian lore, later British and French tradition, The Museum is not only a grace architectural monument, but a story-telling pantheon of Canadian multicultural destiny and human struggle to build a great nation. This museum is not merely about the artifacts, but paramountly about the philosophy of creation: "Our stories were us, what we knew, where we came from and where we were going. They were told to remind us of our responsibility to instruct, and to entertain. There were stories of the Creation, our travels, our laws. There were legends of hard-fought battles, funny anecdotes – some from smokehouse, some from the trickster – and there were scary stories to remind us of danger, spiritual and otherwise. Stories were our life and they still are."

Favourite quote by foreign author: It is the cruelty that gets me, not the realism. Saul Bellow.

My favourite musical recording: The Pixies – Where is My Mind.



Marichka POLYULYUK

Born in Dubno, Ukraine. Hometown: Lviv, Ukraine.

University of North Dakota, US was established in 1883. College of Business and Public Administration.

National Polytechnic University of Lviv was established in 1844. Business Project Management.

2013 Solomia Borshosh (CUPP 2010) Scholarship recipient. Intern to **Hon. Jason Kenney**, Minister of Employment, Social Development, and Multiculturalism, PC, MP. He has represented the riding of Calgary Southeast in the Canadian House of Commons since 1997. Previously elected as a candidate of the Reform Party of Canada, Canadian Alliance, Kenney has been renamed the Conservative Party of Canada, since 2000 Kenney has been re-elected four times as the candidate of the Conservative Party of Canada. In 2006, he was appointed Parliamentary Secretary for the Prime Minister of Canada. In 2007 Kenney was sworn into the Privy Council as the Secretary of State for Multiculturalism and Canadian Identity. Since 2008 he has held the position of Minister for Citizenship, Immigration and Multiculturalism. In July 2013 he became the Minister of Employment and Social Development and Minister for Multiculturalism. Kenney has been named one of Canada's "100 Leaders of the Future" by Maclean's magazine; "one of Canada's leading conservative activists" by the Globe and Mail. In 2009, Maclean's magazine, in association with the Dominion Institute, L'actualite presented Kenney with the award for "Best Overall MP". It is an honour and pleasure to be working in the Office of Jason Kenney. Being a firsthand witness to the Ministers dedication, insightful guidance, support, and willingness to make the CUPP experience the best it can be. Being greeted in my native language - Ukrainian - by one of Canada's leading ministers is just one of a thousand reasons why the Honourable Jason Kenney is the best MP in parliament.

My favourite Canadian Landscape is Gatineau Park in Ottawa, Quebec. It is the National Capital Region's conservation park with many unique and diversified ecosystems and heritage features making it an excellent spot for a hike through nature. There are 165 kilometers of hiking trails, with something for everyone whether you are a beginner or an avid hiker. Just 15 minutes from Parliament Hill, the Park is the prime destination for visitors and residents alike. It is estimated that Gatineau Park receives over 2.7 million visits each year. In the summer, popular activities include hiking, swimming, mountain biking, cycling, rock climbing, boating, fishing. During the winter the Park has maintained trails for cross-country skiing, as well as trails for snowshoeing and winter hikes. Unlike many park administrations in Ukraine, the Canadian one does not only encourage discovery and access, but also is trying to minimize the impact of recreation activities on the natural environment and fragile ecosystems. Located just 4 km out of Ottawa the park is home to CUPP nature lovers, what can be better than biking in a Canadian fall?



Maryna RABINOVYCH

Born in Odesa, Ukraine. Hometown: Odessa.

I.I. Mechnikov Odesa National University was established in 1865. Faculty of Law and Economics, Law Department.

2013 Mazurenko Family Scholarship recipient.

Intern to **Dr. Carolyn Bennett**, MP for St. Paul's, Ontario, Justice building. Dr. Bennett's riding includes significant part of the City of Toronto, Ontario. The Honourable Dr. Carolyn Bennett, PC, MP, was first elected to the House of Commons in the 1997 general election and was re-elected in 2000, 2004, 2006, 2008 and again in 2011. Dr. Bennett has served as Chair of the Standing Joint Committee on the Library of Parliament, the sub-Committee on the Status of Persons with Disabilities (Human Resources Development Committee) and the Canada-Israel Parliamentary Friendship Group. She served on the Standing Committee on Government Operations and Estimates, and the Standing Committee on Health. She was a member of the Standing Committee on Finance and was Chair of the Liberal Women's Caucus. Most recently Dr. Bennett was the Health Critic for the Official Opposition and Critic for Democratic Renewal. She is currently working on Aboriginal issues. Over the years, she has demonstrated a strong commitment to her family, community and public service, concentrating on minorities' protection and health-care. For me "**Indigenous affairs**" appeared to be most exciting human rights issue and policy-making direction.

My favourite Canadian Landscape is Montreal Old Port. The Old Port of Montreal is the historic port of Montreal, Quebec. Located in old part of Montreal, the Port stretches for over two kilometers along the St. Lawrence River. The historical Port of Montreal offers inhabitants of the city and its guests variety of sights (urban beach, where Clock Tower is situated; Lachine Canal and Montreal Science Center) and activities (walking, cycling, quadricycle, roller-blading etc.). Sense of sun, wind and the river creates atmosphere of freedom and inspiration. From urban beach St. Helen's island with La Ronda (famous amusement park) and Biosphere can be seen.

Favourite quote by foreign author: "What is not started today is never finished tomorrow." (Johann Goethe). "Kindness in words creates confidence. Kindness in thinking creates profundity. Kindness in giving creates love. (Lao-Tse).

Favourite musical recording: "Candle in the Wind" (Elton John).



Anatolii REVA

Born in Dnipropetrovsk, Ukraine. Hometown: Kyiv.

National Technical University of Ukraine "Kyiv Polytechnic Institute" was established in 1895. Faculty of Machinery.

2013 Humeniuk Family Scholarship recipient

Intern to **Ted OPITZ**, MP for Etobicoke Centre, Ontario. Ted Opitz has passed a long way from the military career to the technician in telecom industry and Member of the Canadian Parliament. Ted was elected to the House of Commons of Canada in the 2011. As a Member of Parliament, Opitz currently sits on the Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration and the Standing Committee on National Defense. In everyday life, Ted is a wise person and full of energy. He and his office staff are working for their riding and interests of its citizens. Ted is grateful to the Canadian military for teaching him the values of leadership, responsibility, humility, duty and service to Canada. In Etobicoke, Ted has been recognized for his volunteer work with the Ukrainian and Polish communities, and youth in the region. Ted has dedicated many hours to his community to make it a safer, healthier and prosperous place. Ted has lived in Etobicoke Centre with his wife Cynthia since 1994. As Member of Parliament for Etobicoke Centre, Ted is committed to being a strong and effective representative in Ottawa. A firm believer in accessibility, Ted looks forward to meeting and working with as many people in the community as possible. Since being elected to Parliament in the spring, Ted has dedicated his time to helping seniors and working with the Government to create jobs and opportunities in the region.

My favorite Canadian Landscape is the Toronto Downtown. First time you visit Toronto, you will see a "huge wall" of business centers and skyscrapers. But after several hours you will recognize, that Toronto is as diverse in its architecture as 2.6 million residents who are living in this megapolis. The spirit of this city is incredible, some say that Toronto is a kinder version of New York. Near a "tall" downtown there are 2-3 level buildings of China town with their own lifestyle and traditions. I think Toronto is like a yin-yang, from the one side it is a business center of Canada, and from the other side it is a place where very diverse communities, which represent the whole world in one city live. Before visiting Toronto, I highly recommend you develop your route wisely, because there are lots of places to visit in the city. Let the journey begin!





Artem SAMARSKY

Born in Taganrog, Russia. Hometown: Saint Petersburg.

Saint Petersburg State University was established in 1724. Faculty of Philology; English Department, Theory of translation and interlingual communication.

2013 John & Myroslava Yaremko Scholarship Recipient.

Intern to **Bev Shipley**, MP for Lambton-Kent-Middlesex, Ontario, CPC, Justice Building. Mr. Shipley has been participating in the CUPP for the past few years. His riding, Lambton-Kent-Middlesex is a large rural area roughly of the size of Prince Edward island. Bev has been a farmer in this area his whole life as have been his ancestors since 1819. He spent 20 years working in different levels of municipal government, and only after that he ran for the Parliament membership. Bev's expertise and commitment to the constituents and general public are fascinating. He says that he is a public servant and works for its benefit, just as our MPs do, but he really lives up to his commitment. He takes his work seriously and invests a lot of effort in it, which is the basis of his vast support in the constituency. Bev and Barb have been married for 40 years, have raised three children and are proud grandparents of eight grandchildren.

My favorite Canadian landscape is Rideau Canal. It's construction started the city of Ottawa. It was first opened as a precaution in case of war with the United States and connects the city of Ottawa to the city of Kingston. It remains in use today primarily for pleasure boating. I love this sight because of the wonderful bike pathways on both sides of the Canal. They give an opportunity to enjoy the beauty of the city, its downtown, its parks and truly understand how the nature and people live together here.



Khrystyna SHABO

Born in Lviv, Ukraine. Hometown: Kyiv.

Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv was

established in 1834. Institute of International Relations. Faculty of International Law, department of EU Law.

Motto of University: «Корисність, Честь та Слава». – «Utility, Honour and Glory» – "Utilitas Honour et Gloria".

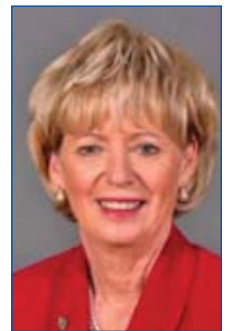
2013 **Yuri, Antin, Maryan Kushnir** Scholarship recipient:

Intern to **Pierre LEMIEUX**, MP for Glengarry-Prescott-Russell, Ontario. Pierre is the Conservative representative of a constituency that has been Liberal for 124 years. He has won every election and has been reelected three times in a row. He currently serves as the Parliamentary Secretary for Official Languages, the Deputy Whip for the Government the Parliamentary Secretary for Agriculture and Agri-Food and is on the Special Committee on the Canadian Mission in Afghanistan.

My favourite Canadian Landscape. In the evening, if you happen to cycle or walk on the bridge between Quebec and Ottawa you will see a very different Parliament Hill. A castle upon the mountain, it will be lit up, just enough to be reflected in the waters below. "Magnificent" is the word.

Favourite quote by foreign author: "A creative man is motivated by the desire to achieve, not by the desire to beat others". Ayn Rand.

Favourite musical recording: Vivaldi's "Four Seasons". Outstanding piece which seems to cover all emotions a person is capable of. Gotye's "Somebody I Used to Know".



Maryna SHEVCHENKO

Born in Kyiv, Ukraine. Hometown: Kyiv.

National University of "Kyiv- Mohyla academy" was established in 1615. Faculty of Informatics.

2013 Natalka Ostash - 2005, (Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv) Scholarship recipient.

Intern to **Hon. Judy Sgro**, MP for West York, Ontario, LPC, Justice Building Her team in municipal politics, where she served the people of her community as the Vice-Chair of the Toronto Police Services Board, as a member of the North York Council's Executive Committee, and as a contributing member of the Intergovernmental Affairs Committee, Judy Sgro wanted to focus her attention towards national solutions to local problems. Her initial election to Parliament for the federal riding of York West in 1999, and her subsequent re-election in 2000, 2004, 2006, 2008 and 2011 cemented that reputation and provided her with a way to serve the people of York West on the national stage.

My favourite Canadian Landscape is the McGill University Campus. McGill University is a public research university located in Montreal, Quebec, Canada. Founded in 1821. On its territory

situates 300 buildings, more than 37,500 students and 225,000 living alumni and peaceful hill near the central building. McGill University has an excellent reputation that reaches around the globe, and carved out a spot among the world's great universities.

Favourite quote by foreign author: Every saint has a past and every sinner has a future. Oscar Wilde.

My favourite musical recording: Okean Elzy - Susy.



Alona SHKRUM

Born in Kyiv, Ukraine.

Kyiv Institute of International Relations, T.Shevchenko National University of Kyiv, established in 1834. International Law Faculty.

University of Cambridge, established in 1209. Law faculty, LL.M. in International law.

2013 Mr. Justice John SOPINKA Scholarship Recipient.

Intern to **Peter JULIAN**, MP for Burnaby—New Westminster, Confederation Building. Peter Julian was born on April 16, 1962, in New Westminster, British Columbia. He is fluently bilingual and is also functional in American Sign Language. A community activist, Peter was Executive Director of the Council of Canadians and later the Western Institute for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. The Georgia Straight newspaper has called Peter "one of the region's hardest working politicians". and ranked 3rd of 308 MPs in the 39th Parliament on bills, votes, and speeches.

My favourite Canadian Landscape is Gatineau Park.

Gatineau Park is located in the Outaouais region of Quebec, Canada. The park's area has a long history of human inhabitation and usage pre-dating the arrival of European settlers. Its more recent pre-park history includes various forms of human exploitation such as farming, logging, hunting, and industrial activity. Gatineau Park is a recreational destination offering public facilities including beaches, campgrounds, picnic areas, trails, and parkways. There are 165 km of hiking trails, and the highest peak in Gatineau, King Mountain, rises an almost vertical 345 m.

Favourite quote by foreign author: "If you are going to go through hell, keep going." – Winston Churchill. "...Art washes away from the soul the dust of everyday life..." – P. Picasso.

My favourite musical recording: Okean Elzy "Coco Chanel", "Drug".



Nadiia SMOLNYTSKA

Born in Ivano-Frankivsk, Ukraine. Hometown: Ivano-Frankivsk. University of Kyiv (Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv) established in 1834. Institute of International Relations. International Law Department.

2013 Denis Pisarevsky CUPP 1996, (University of Donetsk)Scholarship recipient.

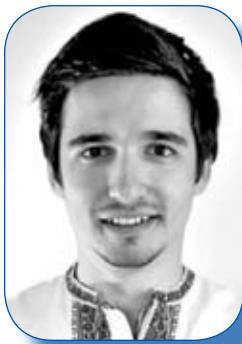
Intern to **Robert Goguen**, MP for Moncton—Riverview—Dieppe, New Brunswick, CPC, La Promenade. Robert Goguen was elected to the Canadian House of Commons in the 2011 elections for the first time. He represents the riding of Moncton-Riverview-Dieppe as a member of Conservative Party of Canada. Prior to his election, Mr. Goguen was a partner at Actus Law, practicing in the areas of corporate and commercial law, bankruptcy and insolvency law, civil litigation and personal injury law. He is currently the president of the Progressive Conservative Party of New Brunswick and refers to himself as a Red Tory, meaning there is a strong concern for social programs. With a desire to make his community a safer place to live and raise a family, Robert intends to be an advocate for community safety. On May 25th, 2011, Robert was appointed Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada.

My favourite Canadian Landscape is Bonsecours Market in Montreal. Inaugurated in 1847, Marché Bonsecours is acknowledged as one of Canada's ten finest heritage buildings and has become an essential stop on any visit to Old Montréal. During 1849 the building was used for the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Canada. The market's design was influenced by Dublin's Customs House. Headquarters of the Conseil des métiers d'art du Québec (Québec Crafts Council), the Marché houses 15 boutiques featuring top-quality "made in Québec" creations: crafts, fashions, accessories and jewellery, design items, reproduction Quebec furniture and more.

Favorite quote by English author: "Success is not final, failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts" – Winston Churchill.

My favourite musical recordings: Astor Piazzolla – Meditango, Oblivion.



**Andrii SOROKHAN**

Born in Chernivtsi, Ukraine. Hometown: Kyiv.

Kyiv School of Economics was established in 1996 by Indiana University Economics faculty members at the National University Kyiv-Mohyla Academy, Kyiv.

Yurii Fedkovych National University of Chernivtsi was established in 1875 by Emperor Franz Josef and in 1989 named after the famous Ukrainian writer Yuriy Fed'kovych, College of Economics Science, Department of economic and mathematical modeling.

2013 **Oleksandr Pankiv** Scholarship recipient.

Intern to **Peter Goldring**, MP for **Edmonton East**, Alberta; Justice Building. Peter has participated in the CUPP Program for more than 10 years already. Edmonton is the 'City of Champions', and both the Oilers and Eskimos are located within his riding. They are the pride of Edmonton, and Edmonton East is truly the 'Riding of Champions'. Edmonton also has one of the largest Ukrainian communities in Canada. Peter Goldring has served the people of Edmonton East as their Member of Parliament for almost 16 years since being first elected on June 2, 1997. He has been a strong voice for the riding in Ottawa, bringing national attention to constituents' concerns on many issues, such as Canadian unity, veterans' affairs, housing affordability, health care and criminal justice. Over the years, Mr. Goldring has demonstrated a strong commitment to his family, community and public service, Peter is the second-longest serving of the 17 Members of Parliament who have represented Edmonton East since the riding was created in 1917. His 16 years of service is second only to that of William Skoreyko, who was Member of Parliament for Edmonton East from 1958-1979.

What I like the most about Canada is the ethnic and cultural diversity, the respect that people show for each other, the tolerance and acceptance.

My favourite Canadian Landscape is University of Toronto campus. The University of Toronto is Canada's leading teaching and research university, and its unique place in the national landscape can be attributed, in part, to its rich and remarkable history. The university grounds lie about 2 kilometres (1.2 mi) north of the Financial District in Downtown Toronto, and immediately south of the neighborhoods of Yorkville and The Annex. The site encompasses 71 hectares (180 acres) bounded mostly by Bay Street, Bloor Street, Spadina Avenue and College Street. An enclave surrounded by university grounds, Queen's Park contains the Ontario Legislative Building and several historic monuments. With its green spaces and many interlocking courtyards, the university forms a distinct region of urban parkland in the city's downtown core. The namesake University Avenue is a ceremonial boulevard and arterial thoroughfare that runs through downtown between Queen's Park and Front Street. The architecture is defined by a combi-

nation of Romanesque and Gothic Revival buildings spread across the eastern and central portions of campus, most of them dating between 1858 and 1929. The traditional heart of the university, known as Front Campus, is located near the center of the campus in an oval lawn enclosed by King's College Circle. The centerpiece is the main building of University College, built in 1857 with an eclectic blend of Richardsonian Romanesque and Norman architectural elements.

Favourite quote by foreign author: "It may not always be easy, convenient or politically correct to stand for truth and right, but it is the right thing to do. Always." — M. Russell Ballard. "He who has overcome his fears will truly be free." — Aristotle.

My favourite musical recording: David Bowie – Heroes.

**Ketevan TIKANASHVILI**

Born in: Tbilisi, Georgia. **Hometown:** Tbilisi, Georgia.

Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University was established in 1918; Faculty of Social and Political Sciences.

Georgian Institute of Public Affairs was established in 1994; School of Government (Public Administration).

2013 **East West Management Institute Scholarship** Recipient.

Intern to **Nicole Turmel**, MP for Hull—Aylmer, Quebec; Nicole Turmel also serves as a Chief Opposition Whip of the New Democratic Party. She is the member of the Standing Committee on Government Operations and Estimates and the Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs. In July 2011 she was appointed by Jack Layton as Interim Leader of the Official Opposition, second woman to be appointed on this position, and acted as such for nine months (from July 2011 to March 2012) until the election of Mr. Mulcair. Before entering politics, Ms. Turmel was actively involved in the Canadian labour movement. She started her career in 1977 and, according to her, the injustices that she was seeing there motivated her to get involved with the Union Movement afterwards. From 1979 to 2006, she held different Union positions at the local, regional and national levels. She served as President of Canadian Employment and Immigration Union (CEIU), a component of the Public Service Alliance of Canada (PSAC). On May 5, 2000 she became the president of PSAC itself, the first woman to ever assume this role in the 34-year history of the PSAC. Ms. Turmel was elected for the second term and remained on this position until 2006. Her term as PSAC President was marked by a major shift toward social activism for the union. Turmel fought for

the cause of pay equity and she was a key player in the union's \$3.6-billion pay equity settlement. Under her leadership PSAC created the National Aboriginal, Inuit and Metis Network as well as the Social Justice Fund to advance work in five priority areas including anti-poverty initiatives in Canada and humanitarian relief in Canada and around the world. Turmel has been a member of NDP since 1999. Before, 1990s, she served as Associate President of the Party and co-chaired the social-democratic forum on Canada's future. The forum featured a panel which held cross-country consultations between March 1998 and January 1999 in order to create a vision for Canada's future and picture Canadian ideas about progressive government. After being elected as a representative of Hull-Aylmer on May 2, 2011 Turmel was named Chair of the NDP's National Caucus, with the unanimous support of her colleagues in the NDP caucus, and appointed critic for Public Works and Government Services Canada. Nycole Turmel has continued involvement in her community. She was a member of two Boards on affordable housing in the Outaouais. She became treasurer of the Canadian Research Institute for the Advancement of Women in October 2010 and represented workers on the Management Committee of Financial Assets of the QFL Solidarity Fund. She was also active on the United Way Retiree Committee. From 2007 to 2011, Nycole Turmel was Vice-President of the Ombudsman Office of the City of Gatineau. Because of her active involvement in society she was awarded and recognized several times. A Research Academic Chair at the Université du Québec a Montréal UQAM on public spaces and political innovations was named in her honor. In 2006, Turmel received the Mitchell Sharp Award for Meritorious Service from the Government of Canada Workplace Charitable Campaign. The award is granted to meritorious retirees who have shown and continue to show support for their community. Jo-Anne Poirier, CEO of the Workplace Charitable Campaign, remarked, "Nycole is extremely focused on the community and showed great leadership throughout the years, making herself available at all times to lend support and advice. We attribute our successful campaigns to her strong leadership."

My favourite Canadian Landscape is The Rideau Canal. The Rideau Canal, also known as the Rideau Waterway, connects the city of Ottawa, Ontario, Canada, on the Ottawa River to the city of Kingston, Ontario, on Lake Ontario. It is 200 km in length. The name Rideau, French for "curtain," is derived from the curtain-like appearance of the Rideau River's twin waterfalls where they join the Ottawa River. The construction of the canal was supervised by Lieutenant-Colonel John By of the Royal Engineers. The canal work started in 1826, and it took a total of 6 years to complete by 1832. The final cost of its construction was \$822,000. Given the unexpected cost overruns, John By was recalled to London and questioned by a parliamentary committee before being cleared of any wrongdoing. The construction of the Rideau Canal was a preventive military measure undertaken after a report that during the War of 1812 the United States had intended to invade the British colony of Upper Canada via the St. Lawrence, which would have severed the lifeline between Montreal and Kingston. The canal also served a commercial purpose. In 1925 the Rideau Canal was designated a National Historic Site of Canada (plaqued in 1926 and again in 1962). In 2007 it was inscribed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site recognizing it as a work of human creative

genius. The Rideau Canal was recognized as the best preserved example of a slack water canal in North America demonstrating the use of European slack water technology in North America on a large scale. It is the only canal dating from the great North American canal-building era of the early 19th century that remains operational along its original line with most of its original structures intact. It was also recognized as an extensive, well preserved and significant example of a canal which was used for military purposes linked to a significant stage in human history – that of the fight to control the north of the American continent. It remains in use today primarily for pleasure boating.

"Only Dead Fish Follow the flow" (Zviad Gamsakhurdia).

Favorite Quote by Foreign Author: „A fool doth think he is wise Favorite Musical Recording: „but the wise man knows himself to be a fool" (William Shakespeare).

Favorite musical recording: Marvin Gaye and Tammi Terrell : "Ain't No Mountain High Enough". Hamlet Gonashvili: "Tu ase turfaiyavi".



Serhiy YAROSHENKO

Born in Kyiv, Ukraine. **Hometown:** Kyiv.

Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv Institute of International Relations, established in 1834. Faculty of International Law, chair of Private International Law.

Motto of University: Utilitas Honour et Gloria. – Корисність, честь та слава. – Utility, Honour and Glory.

Foreign Languages: English, German, Arabic, Russian.

2013 Ulyana Khromyak CUPP 2001, (University of Lviv) Scholarship recipient.

Intern to **James Bezan**, MP for Selkirk-Interlake, Manitoba.

About my MP: Mr James Bezan was born in Russell and raised on a farm near Inglis, Manitoba. Apart from being a cattle producer, James has held various positions in agri-businesses, as well as owning an export and consulting company. On June 28th, 2004, James was first elected to the House of Commons in the 38th Parliament as a Conservative Member of Parliament. He then held the positions of Associate Agriculture Critic and Executive Member of the Canada-Europe Parliamentary Association. In first session of the 41st Parliament, Mr. Bezan served as the Chair of the Standing Committee on National Defence, and was

re-elected as the Secretary of the Canada-Ukraine Parliamentary Friendship Group and executive member for the Canadian Section of Pan Americas. On September 19, 2013, Mr. Bezan was appointed by Prime Minister Stephen Harper as the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of National Defence. In 2008, Mr. Bezan received one of Ukraine's highest awards, the "Order of Prince Yaroslav the Wise", for his private member's bill that recognized the Soviet-imposed Holodomor forced famine of 1932-1933 as an act of genocide against the Ukrainian people.

About the Canadian Parliament: Regretfully from the very beginning of the internship, we did not have a chance to work fully for our MPs, nor observe Canada's federal legislative body operate since the Canadian Parliament had been prorogued till October 16, 2013. Nevertheless, our temporary parliamentary employers strived to make our stay thrilling by engaging us in a variety of activities, assigning to us different intellectually challenging tasks, inviting to meetings with businessmen and politicians, and frequently giving advice blended with their unique professional background on a number of matters. In other words, irrespective of the situation occurred, no single day were we behind the political hustle and bustle the town had to offer. Luckily once the House began its sessions, it all changed. The staggering parliamentary debates we so excitedly observed in the course of question periods evidenced Canadian parliamentarians impeccable public speaking skills as well as their absolute competence in major matters of national importance. Attending the committee sessions, as well as meeting with honourable senators helped better understand the complexity and efficiency of the Canadian Parliament cooperation, and positively changed my perception of the latter.

My favorite Canadian landscape: Centre block of the Canadian Parliament at night.

Last book read: Steve Jobs by Walter Isaacson.

Favourite quote by a Ukrainian author: "Think globally, act locally!" "Мисли глобально, дій локально!"

Favourite musical recordings: "Empire State of Mind" by Jay-Z feat Alicia Keys.



Valeriia ZHYMAN

Born in Kyiv, Ukraine. **Hometown:** Kyiv.

Kyiv National Linguistic University established in 1948.

Faculty of French Philology. Department of Romance Philology.

Foreign languages: English, French, Russian.

2013 Oleksandra Ratushnyak, CUPP 2004 (University of Lviv) Scholarship Recipient.

Intern to **Laurie HAWN** (Conservative), MP for Edmonton Centre, Alberta, CPC, Justice Building. Mr. Hawn is a retired Lieutenant Colonel of the Royal Canadian Air Force, later the Canadian Forces Air Command, businessman, and federal politician from Edmonton, Alberta. Upon retirement in 1994, entered the financial services business and has been very involved in his community. Laurie Hawn was politically active for several years and on January 23rd, 2006 with a decisive victory over Ms. McLellan, got an opportunity to take a seat in Parliament as a representative of Edmonton Centre. Re-elected in October 2008 and May 2011, he has been proud to be part of Canada's government as it takes steps to rebuild the military, reduce the tax burden on ordinary working Canadians, improve the accountability of government, crack down on crime, and face economic challenges. On October 10, 2007 Laurie Hawn was appointed Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of National Defence, the Honourable Peter MacKay. He represented the Minister in the House and at events when the Minister is unavailable. He served in this position until May 25, 2011. On October 1, 2010 Prime Minister Stephen Harper announced Laurie's appointment to the Queen's Privy Council of Canada, with the swearing-in being the first official act by Canada's new Governor-General, His Excellency David Johnston. On May 25, 2011 Prime Minister Stephen Harper appointed Mr. Hawn to the Treasury Board sub-committee on the Strategic and Operating Review. Laurie has been married for 44 years to his wife Judy, and they have two children – Robb and Jennifer. Jennifer is married to their son-in-law, Jeff Davidson and are the very proud grandparents of Tyler James. Their son Robb was also recently married to Kiran, and the newlyweds also reside in Edmonton.

My favourite Canadian Landscape is Sparks Street.

Sparks Street is a street in Downtown, Ottawa, Canada that was converted into an outdoor pedestrian street in 1966, making it the earliest such street or mall in Canada. Sparks runs from Elgin Street in the east to Bronson Avenue. The Sparks Street Mall, that contains a number of outdoor restaurants and also a number of works of art and fountains, only runs from Elgin to Bank Street. The pedestrian only portion continues for another two blocks westward, with the final two blocks west of Lyon Street being a regular road. The mall and most of the buildings on the south side are owned and operated by the National Capital Commission. Buildings on the north side of the mall were expropriated by the Government of Canada in 1973 and are currently operated by Public Works and Government Services Canada. Today, the pedestrian mall is open year-round and extends from Elgin to Kent Streets. In the warmer months, two sidewalk cafes operate. While the mall is quite busy during weekdays, the mall is only lightly used during weekends.

Favorite quote by English author: "Whenever you feel like criticizing anyone, just remember that all the people in this world haven't had the advantages that you've had." – F. S. Fitzgerald.

Favorite quote by a Ukrainian author (in both English and Ukrainian): "Визначає смак не по шкаралупі, а по ядру." – Григорій Сковорода. "Identify the taste by kernel, not by the shell". – Hryhorii Skovoroda.

Favorite musical recording: Elton John – "Candle in the wind".

McDonald Laurier Program Interns



Khrystyna KOLYADA

Born in Mykolaiv, Ukraine. **Hometown:** Rohatyn.

York University, Honor of Psychology.

2013 Senator Denise BATTERS Scholarship recipient.

Intern to **Peggy Nash**, MP for Parkdale-High Park, Toronto, New Democratic Party (NDP). Peggy Nash is the Member of Parliament for Parkdale-High Park region in Toronto. In 2006 she was elected to the Parliament. After elections in 2011, Peggy became the NDP Opposition Finance Critic. She was an official Canadian election observer in South Africa in 1994, and in Ukraine in 2004 and 2007. Peggy was awarded from the Sierra Club of Canada for her leadership on transportation strategy and the YWCA Woman of Distinction Award. Peggy is also one of the founders of Equal Voice, dedicated to electing more women in Canada.

Languages: Ukrainian, English, Russian.

Last Ukrainian author read: "Mariya" Ylas Samchyk.

Last book read: "Inferno" by Dan Brown.

Favorite quote by English Author: "Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things that you didn't do than by the things you do. So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover." – Mark Twain.

Favorite quote by Ukrainian author: "жах не в тому, що щось зміниться, – жаж в тому, що все може залишитися так само." Ліна Костенко.

My favourite musical recordings: Moulin Rouge - El Tango De Roxanne.



(Nick/Mykola) KRAWETZ

Born: Winnipeg, Manitoba. **Hometown:** Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Queen's University – MA in Political Studies (International Relations).

Languages: English, Ukrainian, basic French and Russian.

2013 Paul Yuzyk Scholarship recipient.

Intern to **Honourable Jason Kenney** – Minister of Employment, Social Development and Multiculturalism, MP for Calgary Southeast (Alberta). Jason Kenney became Parliamentary Secretary to Prime Minister Harper in 2006, and Secretary of State for Multiculturalism and Canadian Identity in 2007. As Canada's longest-serving Minister of Citizenship and Immigration from 2008 to 2013, Mr. Kenney implemented comprehensive reforms to Canada's immigration, refugee and citizenship programs, leading the National Post to call him "perhaps Canada's best immigration minister ever." In July, 2013 he was appointed Minister of Employment and Social Development, with a mandate to ensure that Canadians are well-prepared to participate fully in the labour market of the future. He chairs the Cabinet Committee on Operations, is the Regional Minister for Southern Alberta, and sits on the Cabinet Committees for Social Affairs and Planning and Priorities.

Brief Biography: I am a recent recipient of a MA in Political Studies from Queen's University. With a specialization in international relations, my research and coursework primarily focused on Canadian foreign and defence policy issues and international security matters such as military intervention for humanitarian purposes. Prior to my graduate studies, I attended the University of Manitoba and graduated in 2012 with a BA (Double Advanced) in Political Studies and Economics. In regard to the latter, my coursework and research were mainly focused towards Canadian trade negotiations (Canada-EU CETA) and trade relations with the BRIC economies as well as comparing the political and economic transitions of post-Soviet states, namely Ukraine and Russia. For purposes of personal interest, I have also researched and followed developments regarding Ukraine's European integration aspirations. In the near future, I intend to begin and develop a career within the public service.

Favourite English quote: "You must be the change you want to see in the world" – Mahatma Gandhi.

Favourite Ukrainian quote: "Наша слава – Українська держава" – українське прислів'я.



**Andriy Sorokhan (Kyiv),
Artem Humeniuk (Kyiv) CUPP 2013.**

**Khrystyna KULYASA**

Born in: Drohobych, Ukraine. **Hometown:** Toronto, Ontario.

University of Toronto – Faculty of Arts and Science, International Relations and Political Science.

Languages: English, Ukrainian, Russian.

Scholarship: Senator Raynell Andreychuk 2013 Scholarship Recipient.

Intern to **Honourable Harold Albrecht**, Minister of Parliament for Kitchener-Conestoga with the Conservative Party of Canada, Chair of the Standing Committee on the Environment and Sustainable Development. Harold Albrecht is a proud lifelong resident of the riding of Kitchener-Conestoga and has attended Waterloo-Oxford District Secondary School and Waterloo Lutheran University (now Wilfrid Laurier University) before going on to attaining his Doctorate of Dental Surgery at the University of Toronto. Returning to Waterloo Region, he opened a dental practice, which he operated successfully for 27 years. Even before entering the public service, Harold was an active member of his community, being the founding pastor at Pathway Community Church and serving there for 6 years. Harold Albrecht was first elected to the House of Commons in 2006, narrowly defeating the incumbent, Lynn Myers. In the 2008 election, Harold was reelected with 49.2% of votes cast. In January 2013 Harold was unanimously elected Chair of the House of Commons Standing Committee on the Environment and Sustainable Development. Harold is also the chair of the Canadian-Armenian Parliamentary Friendship Group. Harold Albrecht was also the sponsor of the notable Bill C-300, which was given royal assent in December of 2012 and focused on providing a federal framework for suicide prevention. Harold is the father of 3 married children and 9 grandchildren, and currently lives in Kitchener with his wife Darlene.

Outstanding Landmark or Architecture in Canada: Built between 1824 and 1829, the Notre-Dame Basilica in Montreal is one of the most dramatic examples of Gothic Revival architecture in the world. A designated National Historic Site of Canada, this Roman Catholic Church is located in the Old Montreal District and was raised to its status of Basilica by Pope John Paul II in 1982. Unusually for a Church, the stain glass windows do not depict biblical stories, but rather the religious history of Montreal. Visitors will also be surprised as to the interior of the Basilica, which does not resemble its namesake in Paris, but bursts with vibrant lights and colours as modeled after a smaller church in the South of France. The blue ceiling and vibrant altar as well as the 100-year-old organ are beautiful additions to the architectural and religious significance of the church and are sure to enchant all visitors.

Last Ukrainian author read: "Амулет Паскаля" – Ірен Роздобудько.
Last foreign author read: "Love in the Time of Cholera" – Gabriel Garcia Marquez.

Favourite quote – English: "The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams." – Eleanor Roosevelt.

Favourite quote – Ukrainian: "Учітесь, читайте, і чужому научайтесь, і свого не цурайтесь" – Т. Шевченко.

Favourite Musical Recording: Because – The Beatles.

**Wasyi LUCZKIW**

Born in: Toronto, Ontario, Canada. **Hometown:** Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

University of Toronto – Physics and Psychology Major.

Languages: English, Ukrainian, and a bit of French.

2013 Senator David TKACHUK Scholarship recipient.

Canadian Ethnocultural Council (CEC) – Youth Forum Chairperson.

Intern to **Hon. Julian Fantino**. The Honourable Julian Fantino is Canada's Minister of Veterans Affairs and Member of Parliament for Vaughan. He was first elected to the House of Commons in November 2010 and was re-elected in May 2011. Mr. Fantino previously served as Minister of State (Seniors) from January 2011 to May 2011, Associate Minister of National Defence, specifically responsible for military procurement, until July 2012 and then as Minister of International Development until July 2013. Prior to his election to Parliament, Mr. Fantino served almost 40 years in law enforcement, and as Chief of the Toronto Police Service. He served as Commissioner of the Ontario Provincial Police and as Ontario's Commissioner of Emergency Management.

Last Ukrainian author read: "Золотий Павучок" – Іван Малкович.

Last foreign author read: "Inheritance" – Cristopher Paolini.

Favorite quote – English: "Opportunity is missed by most people because it comes dressed in overalls and looks like work." - Thomas Edison.

Favorite quote – Ukrainian: "Мовиш: «Нині інші війни». Ну, то іншу зброю куй, Ум гостри, насталою волю, Лиш воюй, а не тоскуй!" – Іван Франко.

Favorite musical recording: (Ukrainian) Ron Cahute – "Ми діти роду козацького". (English) Good Charlotte – "The River".



Denis Mykhaylovych POLISHCHUK

Born in Khmil'nyk, Vinnytsia oblast, Ukraine. Hometown: Vancouver, British Columbia.

Simon Fraser University – Faculty of Arts; French Language and Political Science.

Languages: Ukrainian, French, English, and Spanish.

2013 Senator John EWASEW Scholarship recipient.

Intern to **Mark Warawa, MP** for Langley, British Columbia, CPC, La Promenade. Mark Warawa was first elected to the Canadian House of Commons in 2004. He represents the riding of Langley as a member of Conservative Party of Canada, and has the honourable distinction of being the Parliamentary Secretary to four different Ministers of the Environment, from 2006 to 2011, helping guide Canada through 5 difficult years of minority Government. In 2011, Mark was appointed to the position of Chair of the Standing Committee of Environment and Sustainable Development for Canada, overseeing Canada's Environmental Committee work, studies and legislative reviews. In 2013, he was appointed to the Standing Committee on Industry. As Treasurer of the Canada-Ukraine Parliamentary Group, Mark was with Canadian Prime Minister Harper on an official State visit to Ukraine in 2010.

Outstanding Landmark or architecture in Canada: The Ukrainian Cultural Heritage Village. Located thirty minutes east of Edmonton, The Ukrainian Cultural Heritage Village is an award-winning, skansen (open-air museum) that depicts the history of east central Alberta by telling the story of Ukrainian immigrants who settled in this region to 1930 (1892-1930). Over thirty historic structures have been relocated to the museum, restored and furnished to a pre-1930 period, then staffed by costumed role-players who re-enact the historic routines and activities associated with that household, institution or business. Source: <http://history.alberta.ca/ukrainianvillage/>

Last Ukrainian author read: "Мова – Краса і Сила" – Ірина Фарион.

Last foreign author read: "The Good Soldier Švejk" – Jaroslav Hašek.

Favorite quote – English: "Imagination was given to man to compensate him for what he is not; a sense of humour to console him for what he is." – Sir Francis Bacon.

Favorite quote – Ukrainian: "Засип правду хоч золотом, затопчи її болотом, а вона наверх сплине." – Народна мудрість.

Favorite musical recording: Ой у полі, в полі (весільна) – Ансамбль "Надвечір'я" с. Янів (Іванів) Калинівського р-ну Вінницької обл.



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Oleh POSHELYUZHNYI

Born in Ternopil, Ukraine. Hometown: Winnipeg, Manitoba.

University of Manitoba (established in 1877). Faculty of Engineering, Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering.

2013 Jerry Humeniuk Scholarship recipient.

Intern to **Corneliu Chisu, MP** for Pickering—Scarborough East (Ontario), CPC. Corneliu Chisu is a Romanian-Canadian politician, who was elected to the Canadian House of Commons in the 2011 election. Mr. Chisu is a Professional Engineer and a retired Major (Engineers) from the Canadian Forces. He has served in various positions in the Professional Engineers Ontario including elected Vice President. Actively involved with the Cadets and The World Genesis Foundation, he promotes youth education in Canada and on the world stage. Corneliu has been recognized for his efforts and achievements with several awards both for his military service in the Balkans and Afghanistan, and his volunteer work with the Professional Engineers Ontario, receiving the Order of Honour, and induction as a Fellow of Engineers Canada. He speaks English, Italian, Romanian and Hungarian fluently, and has a working knowledge of French, Russian and German. In Ottawa, Corneliu is a member of the Official Languages Committee, the Veterans Affairs Committee and is on the Executive Committee of the Canada-NATO Parliamentary Group, Canada-Europe Parliamentary Friendship Group, and the Interparliamentary Union. His goal is to create jobs, seek means and ways to improve transportation to reduce grid lock, see that the stakeholders are consulted during the process of creating the Rouge National Urban Park and to promote infrastructure development in his riding.

My favourite landmark in Canada is the Upper Fort Garry. Situated at the forks of the Red and Assiniboine rivers in the heart of the Red River Colony, was a Hudson's Bay Company post established in 1822. Previous fur-trade posts had been located periodically in the area. Severe flood damage in 1826 prompted the construction of a new post, Lower Fort Garry, 32 km downriver. In 1836, however, in order to facilitate the general administrative and supply needs of the settlement, the HBC returned to the forks and Upper Fort Garry was built. It began a 50-year reign as the centre for trade, the site of significant historic events and a true gateway to the West. The fort was seized by Louis Riel during the Red River Rebellion of 1870. With the decline of the fur trade and the growth of Winnipeg, Fort Garry virtually disappeared.

My favourite quote in English: "The darkest places in hell are reserved for those who maintain their neutrality in times of moral crisis" – Dante Alighieri.

My favourite musical recording: "Буде нам з тобою, що згадати" (We will have something to remember) – Ukrainian folk lyrics.

**ROZANEC Alexander (Oles)**

Born: Mississauga, Ontario. Hometown: Mississauga, Ontario.

University of Toronto - BA in English & Rhetoric.

2013 Anna Mazurenko Scholarship recipient.

Languages: English & Ukrainian.

Intern to Ted Opitz, MP for Etobicoke Centre, Ontario. Ted Opitz was elected to the House of Commons of Canada in 2011. Prior to entering politics, Opitz enrolled as a private in the Canadian Army Reserves and rose to the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel during 33 years of service. As a Member of Parliament, Opitz currently sits on the Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration and the Standing Committee on National Defence. In February 2012, Opitz was chosen as a delegate to represent the Parliament of Canada at both the Standing Committee of Parliamentarians of the Arctic Region and at the 56th Conference on the UN Commission on the Status of Women.

Favourite English quote: "I believe that music is the voice of God" – Brian Wilson.

Favourite Ukrainian quote: "Без Бога, ані до порога".

Favourite Musical Recording: "God Only Knows" – The Beach Boys.

Brief Biography: For many years, I have been involved in the Ukrainian-Canadian community. I frequently participate at my local parish, where I have coordinated events for the youth and assist the cantors at divine liturgy. Currently enrolled in the University of Toronto's English program, I hold a strong interest in the craft and history of literature. My coursework has been primarily focused on rhetoric and effective writing, where I am hoping to create news and press releases for the government. I am continuing my studies at the University of Toronto in hopes of becoming a speechwriter for any level of government in Canada.

**Christina SHOUP**

Born in Toronto, Ontario. Hometown: Toronto, Ontario.

University of Toronto – Humanities.

Languages: English and Ukrainian.

2013 Michael WALL Scholarship recipient.

2012 University of Toronto scholarship recipient.

Ukrainian National Youth Federation Secretary.

Intern to **Eve Adams**, MP for Mississauga Brampton South. Ms. Eve Adams was elected as a Member of Parliament on May 2nd 2011, and she represents the riding of Mississauga Brampton South. Ms. Adams works alongside Prime Minister Harper in the Conservative caucus. Ms. Adams is originally from Sudbury, but has lived in Mississauga for the past fifteen years. Eve holds a bachelor degree from the University of Western Ontario. On September 19th 2013, Stephen Harper appointed Eve as Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Health. Active and hardworking, Eve Adams hold positions on many Councils, such as the Audit Committee, Health Services and Court Revision. Fluent in both French and English, Eve combines her business and political background in Parliament and supports economic development in the GTA and across Canada.

Last Ukrainian author read: "Chorna Rada" – Panteleimon Kush.

Last foreign author read: "Richard II" – William Shakespeare.

Favorite quote- English: "One day your life will flash before your eyes; make sure it's worth watching." – Unknown.

Favorite quote- Ukrainian: "Не той дурний, хто не знає... але той, хто знати не хоче." – Григорій Сковорода.

Favorite musical recording: Great Big Sea – Ordinary Day.



Serhiy Yaroshenko, Intern to James Bezan.

Andriy BRYN



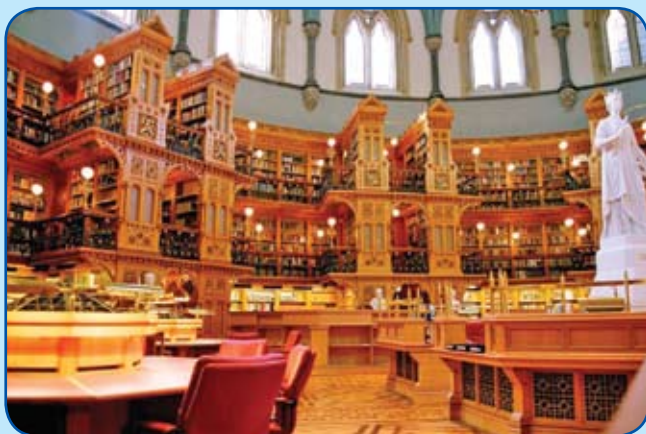
The Jasper National Park in Alberta.

Iryna BURAK



Niagara Falls in Ontario.

Maryna GUSYAKOVA



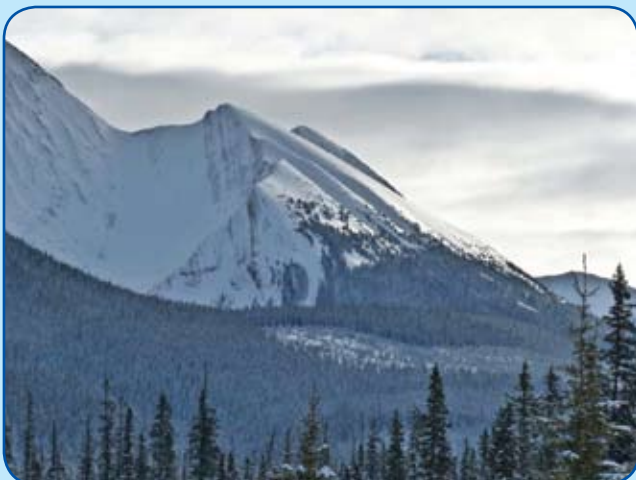
Library of Parliament.

Nina HAWRYLOW



Tribute to Human Rights.

Artem HUMENIUK



Kananaskis Country.

Hanna IANOVA



Mont-Tremblant in Quebec.

Sulkhan INAISHVILI



Gatineau Golf and Country Club.

Anna KUPRIEIEVA



Beautiful landscapes of the Rideau Canal.

Iryna KUTNYAK



Toronto Centre Island.

Kateryna LATYSH



Montreal Botanic Garden.

Oleh LEHKYY

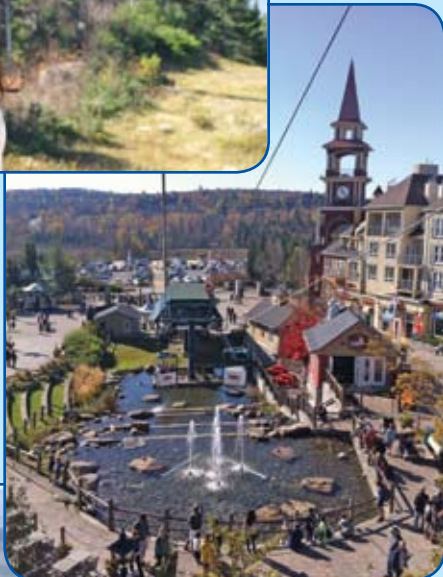
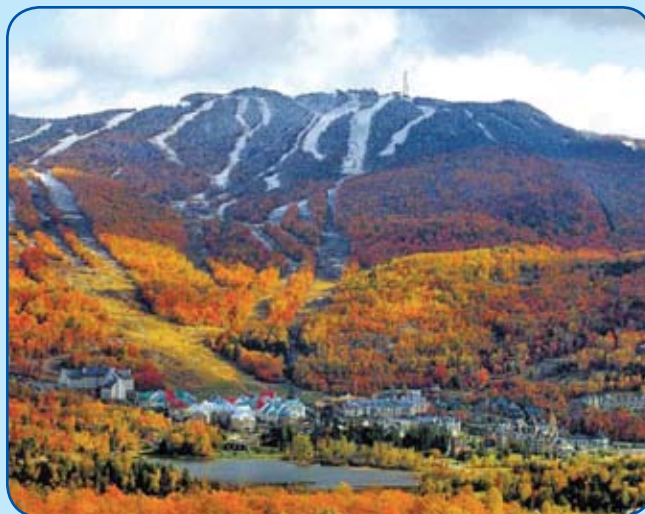


Chateau Frontenac – grand hotel in Quebec City.



Nataliia LITVINOVA

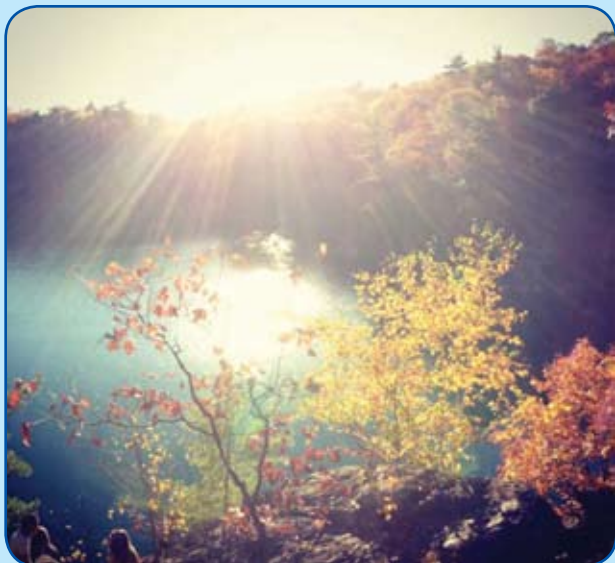
Mont-Tremblant
in Quebec.

**Lyudmyla MELNYK**

Mont-Tremblant in Quebec.



A beautiful landscape of the Canadian Rockies.

Kseniia MUKHINA

The Gatineau Park.

Oliha MUZYCHENKO

CN Tower in Toronto.

Marianna MYKHAYLYUK



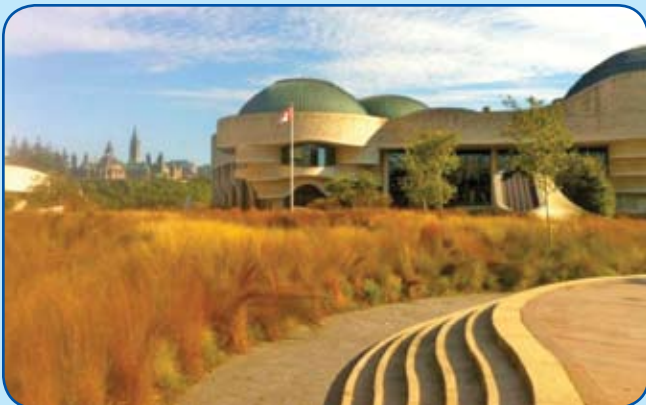
Niagara Falls on the border between Canada and USA.

Nataliia MYKYTEI



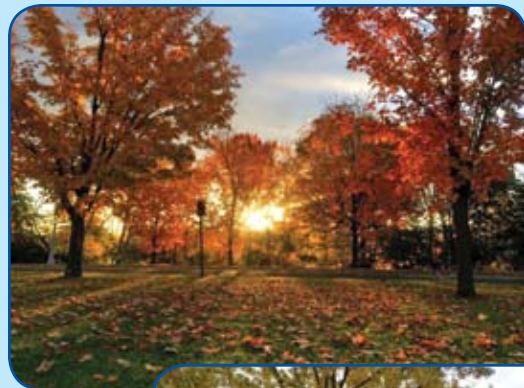
The Charlevoix region.

Anna NOVOSAD



The Canadian Museum of Civilization.

Marichka POLYULYUK



The Gatin-eau Park in Ottawa.



Maryna RABINOVYCH



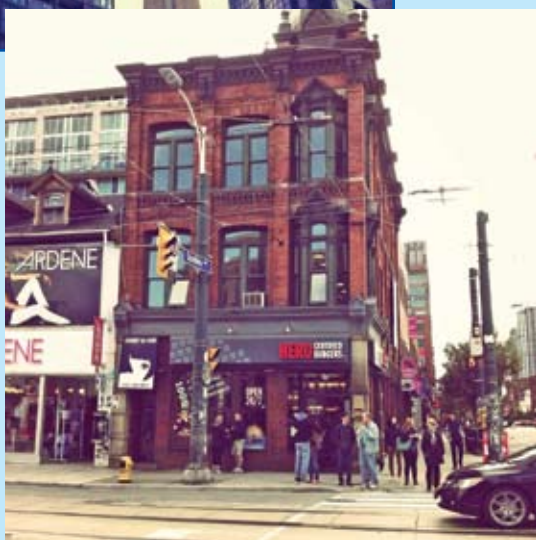
Old Port in Montreal.



Marichka Polyulyuk with Jason Kenney.

Anatolii REVA

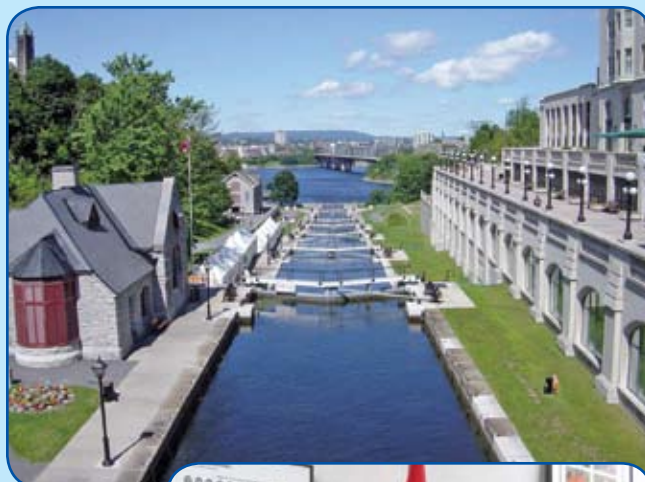
Toronto:
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town.



Toronto: Somewhere in Chinatown.

Maryna SHEVCHENKO

The McGill University Campus in Montreal.

Artem SAMARSKY

Top:
Rideau
Canal.

Right:
Artem
Samarky
with
Bev
Shipley.

**Khrystyna SHABO**

Parliament Hill – view from the bridge.

Alona SHKRUM



A beautiful fall colors in Gatineau Park.

Nadiia SMOLNYTSKA



Bonsecours Market in Montreal.

Andrii SOROKHAN



The beautiful University of Toronto Soldiers Tower.

Ketevan TIKANASHVILI



Rideau Canal (photo by Stacy Tsarkova).

Serhiy YAROSHENKO



Parliament Hill at night.

Valeriia ZHYMAN



Sparks Street in Ottawa.

Khrystyna KULYASA (MLP)

Interior of
Notre-Dame
Basilica,
Montreal.

**Denis POLISHCHUK (MLP)**

The Ukrainian Cultural Heritage Village. On the left: St. Volodymyr Ukrainian Orthodox Church in Vegreville, AB

Oleh POSHELYUZHNYI (MLP)

Upper Fort Garry on the fork of the Red and Assiniboine rivers.



L to R: Maryna Gusyakova, Fr. Maxym Lysack, Kateryna Latysh, Kseniia Mukhina, Anatolii Reva.

The West should also convene an international donors conference to create a "Donbass Development Fund" for reconstruction in eastern Ukraine after the war. The mere creation of such a fund would help change the negative image of the West in the region, as would new scholarships and internship programs. From article August 6, 2014.

Michael A. McFaul, a professor at Stanford and a fellow at the Hoover Institution, served in the Obama administration on the staff of the National Security Council and as the ambassador to the Russian Federation 2012 to 2014.

**Dear President Barak Obama, President Francois Hollande,
Chancellor Angela Merkel, Prime Minister David Cameron,
Prime Minister Stephen Harper,**



"Tear Down This Wall"

There is an ideological battle being waged in Ukraine, between on the one hand, the ruling clan, or "hard power" and on the other, young people, students and NGO's or, "soft power". In Russia following the re-election of Vladimir Putin as president, the hard power side has won and a managed democracy is in place.

In an article published in *Moskovskie Novosti*, President Putin, lamented about the increased use of "soft power" which, he concludes, "Applies a matrix of tools and methods to reach foreign policy goals without the use of arms but by exerting information and other levers of influence".

In Ukraine, the clan in power relies on the allegiance of an aging Soviet-minded population and its band of supplicants. They admire the Russian President's managed democracy and are seeking to install it in Ukraine and to maintain it as long as possible in order to run the country like a personal fiefdom. Opposing the clan in power are NGO's and young people, many of whom have travelled and studied for a time in the West. Their numbers are still not large enough to overcome the resourcefulness of the clan in power who are able to manipulate elections, whether to the parliament or office of the president.

Neither Ukraine nor Russia has a normal civil society and neither President Yanukovich nor Putin; understands or wants a normal country for their population.

The clans rule for the day, and hope those days will last until the end of their own earthly presence. If their successors can maintain the status quo, that will be an unexpected bonus. If not, their political offspring still have enough assets stashed away and invested in the West, that is, in the very societies where they are likely to seek refuge but which they currently wish not to have emulated in their own countries.

In Ukraine, the ideological battle has no timetable. It seems, however, that the clock is working against the youth and NGOs in their efforts to forestall the imposition of a managed democracy. If the ruling clan succeeds in imposing a managed democracy, it will set back for decades the development in Ukraine of a normal civil society governed by the rule of law. And if Ukraine becomes like Russia or if it merges into Russia, Europe and the West will not have a reliable or stable partner in the region for much of the 21st century. It is not beyond a possibility that eventually a war will have to be fought in Europe in

order to return to a stable and just society in the eastern half of the continent.

But if the West takes sensible and the least costly steps to buttress and expand the ideological underpinning of democracy among the youth, and if it takes these steps immediately, it is quite possible that Western ideas and social norms will take root in Ukraine and even spread into Russia.

Therefore, President Obama, President Hollande, Chancellor Merkel, Prime Minister Cameron and Prime Minister Harper, open wide the doors of your universities, colleges, and other institutions of learning to students from Ukraine. Break down the walls and barriers to information and education that are based on Western ideals. Create an education Marshall Plan in order to bring Ukraine's youth into the ranks of Western educated society.

The future will be shaped and even determined by your wise decision to share information and education with a still receptive young generation in Ukraine. Just do it!

*Ihor Bardin, Director
Canada Ukraine Parliamentary Program*

*From CUPP Newsletter, 2011
Issue #2 reprint.*



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MODEL UKRAINE WHITE PAPER COMMITTEE WORKSHOP

October 16-18, 2013

“It is time to reverse the perpetuation of the Soviet practice in this important area of language and return to the Kharkiv Orthology (Kharkivsky Pravopys), adopted in Kharkov in 1927 and crudely replaced by the Stalinist Pravopys in the 1930’s”

From Resolution adopted by the Ottawa Workshop October 16 to 18, 2013.

**Government Conference Centre
2 Rideau Street, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada**

Citizenship and Democracy: The Making of Ukrainians

'A nation is a reality when it has a profound historical awareness of itself. A country without a memory is like a person without a brain, without self-awareness.'

Zbigniew Brzezinski

Workshop Mission

The future of Ukraine has been under debate since 1991. The time is ripe to begin consolidating the findings of this decades-long debate and implementing in a better way the recommendations and practices into the life and fabric of the country.

Description and Background information

The Canada-Ukraine Parliamentary Program (CUPP) is an internship program at Canada's House of Commons established by agreement with the speaker of the House of Commons in 1990. The first interns arrived in Ottawa in the spring of 1991.

Since 1991 more than 700 students from universities in Armenia, Azerbaijan, Austria, Belarus, China, Georgia, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Russia, the United Kingdom, and Ukraine have completed 2 to 12 month internships in the House of Commons.

The funding for the program has come from the Ukrainian-Canadian community and several educational foundations including Kate-dra Foundation, Chair of Ukrainian Studies Foundation, The Humeniuk Family Foundation, the East-West Management Institute, Ukrainian Credit Union, Carpathia Credit Union (Winnipeg), Caisse Populaire Desjardins Ukrainienne de Montreal, Emil Telizyn for the Daria Teliszyn Memorial Fund,

Adele Kereliuk for the William Kereliuk Memorial Fund, Julia Stashuk for the John and Julia Family Fund, Dr. Maria Fischer-Slysh Memorial Fund, Dr. Iryna Moroz, Michael, Alexandra and Tania Bardyn for the Bardyn Family Fund, Alexandra Fedyna for the Yuriy and Oksana Fedyna Memorial Fund, the Temerty Family Foundation, Natalie Obal for the Kathy Obal Memorial Fund, Alexander and Irene Hordienko Family Fund, CUPP ALUMNI Memorial Fund.

The interns are introduced to the Westminster style parliamentary system and first past the post election system. They meet government officials, civil servants, representatives of the judiciary, NGOs, bank and financial institution officers, charitable and volunteer sector workers, extra-parliamentary sector officials, the diplomatic corps, ethno-cultural community representatives, university officials and lecturers, and a number of other individuals which comprise the elite of Canadian and North American society.

MODEL UKRAINE CONFERENCES

In 2010 the first of 4 MODEL UKRAINE Conferences was organized for CUPP Interns and alumni at the Elliott School of International Affairs of **George Washington University**. This first conference was followed by conferences at the **University of Ottawa** (Fall 2010), **Oxford University** (Spring 2011 - attended by over 100 university

students from Ukraine with the kind assistance of the Ambassador of the UK who was a speaker at the conference), and **Kyiv-Mohyla University** (Fall 2012).

The purpose of the conferences has been to discuss the current state of affairs in Ukraine, and identify the keys to unlock the potential of Ukraine's new educated generation, among whom is a growing number of western-educated individuals who speak English or French and who have completed internships whether in the Canadian Parliament or in the parliaments of German, Ukraine and Europe. The four conferences dealt with the key areas of governance, civil society, and life in a post-totalitarian society.

CUPP participants agreed that the conferences would be followed by a wrap-up workshop to deal with the key or important issues that affect Ukraine's future. Addressing these issues in a comprehensive manner will enhance the civic leadership potential in the 21st century for Ukrainians of ethnic Ukrainian and other national backgrounds who have participated in the CUPP program.

At the end of the CUPP conference in Kyiv, four issues were identified as being particularly important to be dealt with at a Workshop. These issues will be addressed by several new as well as past experts who have participated in previous conferences with a view to produce a White Paper for delivery to the governments of Ukraine and Canada

and for wide distribution to the youth of Ukraine and the world beyond.

ISSUES

1. Rule of law
2. Education
3. Identity, citizenship, and civics
4. Freedom of expression and the media's role in the 21st century

Participating Universities

Participating in the workshop are the 34 Interns of the 2013 CUPP Program. They come from the Belarus, Georgian, Russian and Ukrainian communities and from:

**Cambridge University
Carleton University
Georgian Institute of Public Affairs
Harvard University
Ilia State University (Georgia)
Johannes Gutenberg University of Mainz
Karpenko-Karyy National University of the Arts (Kyiv)
Kyiv Linguistic University
Kyiv-Mohyla University
Kyiv School of Economics
Maastricht University (The Netherlands)
National Technical University of Ukraine
Petro Mohyla Black Sea University
Saint Petersburg State University
Sapienza University of Rome
University of Flensburg (Germany)
University of Kharkiv (Vasyl Karazin National University of Kharkiv)
University of Kyiv (Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv)
University of Lviv (Ivan Franko National University of Lviv)
University of Manitoba
University of Odesa
University of Ottawa
University of Saarland (Germany)
University of Ternopil
University of Toronto
University of Vienna
Yaroslav the Wise Law Academy of Ukraine
York University
Zhejiang Normal University**

Also participating in the Workshop are 32 CUPP Alumni, who are coming from Bratislava, Bruges, Cambridge, Edinburgh, Faro, Ghent, Irkutsk, Kharkiv, Kyiv, London, Luhansk, Lviv, Odesa, Oxford, Prague, Rome, Ternopil, Toronto, Washington, Winnipeg, Yalta.

MODEL UKRAINE

WHITE PAPER COMMITTEE,

16-18 October, 2013



Newsletter 16, 2013

Day 1

CANADA-UKRAINE PARLIAMENTARY PROGRAM www.katedra.org

EUROPEAN UNION, AS THE KEY TO THE EARLY DEVELOPMENT OF A STABLE UKRAINIAN DEMOCRACY.

Participants of the 5th Annual CUPP conference are 34 Interns of the 2013 CUPP Program. They come from Ukraine, Georgia, Austria and Russia.



EDUCATION POLICIES IN UKRAINE AND EUROPE.

"I think we've covered many important topics today. We talked about importance of the EU for Ukraine, about how Ukrainian identity will change, we talked about citizenship and the nation building which are to very closely tied together. We talked about Canada's and Europe's experience, which Ukraine may follow in its transition period. We talked about an important instrument of nation building and citizenship, which is education, also discussed the problems and we will try to convince Ukraine implement solutions to those problems!" --**Taras Kuzio** --

THE MAKING OF CITIZENS: LESSONS FOR UKRAINE

"The conference has immediately begun to address the key issues confronting Ukrainian statehood, which is currently faced with its biggest threat since independence. It was refreshing to hear Pavlo Shopin to make incisive comments about corruption, accurately capturing its intrinsic and all-encompassing scale in Ukraine. We can't start to offer solutions to problems until we acknowledge their scale. The Canadian natives have also offered valuable insight into how to build a functioning society in which there are multiple ethnicities and linguistic groups living together. However, Canada has the luxury of never having to experience the brutality of World War Two on its territory. It also doesn't have a neighbor that's telling its citizens what language to speak, how to interpret history and from whom it should buy natural gas. Ukrainians need to decide these issues on their own." --**Zenon Zawada**--

Prepared by, Maryna Gussyakova, CUPP 2013, Intern to Linda Duncan,
Marianna Mykhaylyuk, CUPP 2013, Intern to Wladyslaw Lizon

"CUPP alumni updates! Before their arrival to Ottawa..."



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Olga KROYTOR (Washington) CUPP 2007 & 2008, on an assignment for the World Bank in *Yangon* (old capital) & *Nay Pyi Taw* (new capital) Myanmar.

Kate Bondar (Geneva), CUPP 2008 back in Geneva after attending HOLODOMOR Seminar at the Munk Centre at the University of Toronto.

Ruslana KOSTINA (Kyiv) CUPP 2007, is working on an On-Line Dictionary and an exercise database for English language learners, and continues to translate international articles for Ukrainian On-Line Media

Solomiya BORSHOSH (Kyiv) CUPP 2010 works as Senior Auditor for PwC Ukraine. In addition, is launching the Internet-based public broadcasting project (Hromadske.tv) together with the team of Ukrainian journalists and social activists.

Olha Sorokivska (Toronto), CUPP 2010. After her graduation from Seneca College of Applied Arts and Technology, Olha landed two jobs, at Mercatus Technologies Inc. and State Street Financial Centre in downtown Toronto. She is pursuing her career in Human Resources area and is working towards her professional certification (Certified Human Resources Professional).

Nadiya FEDORIV (Winnipeg), CUPP 2010 pursues B.A. Degree in political studies at the University of Manitoba. I perceive it as the place characterized by democratic spirit, transparency and fairness, by quality services and encouragement for expression of individual opinion.

Stanislava Tsarkova CUPP 2010 and 2011, Participant after working in Chemonics International - USAID "Strengthening Tuberculosis Control in Ukraine" Project is pursuing her Master's degree at the College of Europe, Bruges, Belgium.

Petro Zalizniak, CUPP 2013 and WPC 2013 Participant after visiting research trip to Harvard Law School is back to work as a Lawyer at the European Court of Human Rights, Strasbourg, France.

Olga GORUNENKO (Kyiv) CUPP 1999 is now based in Kyiv and is the Director of the Centre for Leadership Development, which is a training and research institution.

Olga MINKO (Victoria B.C.) CUPP 1999 and 2000, is organizing an event NABS West Speed Mentoring Victoria 2013, to help 60 aspiring professionals meet Top 20 Local Leaders in Victoria B.C. It is the very first event in town organized by a team of people who immigrated to Canada from 8 different countries.

Oleksii GIRNIAK (Toronto), CUPP 2000 is focused on IBM Canada 3Q 2013 financial closing in Toronto HQ.

Victoria Shaban, CUPP 2004 is attending the colloquium, as part of her PhD study program, at the Institute for Peace and Security Studies of the Addis Ababa, University in Ethiopia.

Marat Oganyesyan, CUPP 2005 is back in Erfurt from a conference for portfolio managers in electricity and gas trade in Schwerin, Germany.



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ODNODNIVKA - DAY 2

Ottawa, Canada

October 17, 2013

On the second day participants and guests of the conference had the privilege of hearing highly distinguished speakers touch upon a variety of topics: judicial independence, humanities, rule of law, role of media, commercial law reform, women's rights and search for national identity to name but a few. The highly distinguished speakers ranged from CUPP interns, to CUPP alumni to already established and notorious professionals in their respective fields. Coming from Ukraine, Europe and North America, with Ukrainian heritage or without, their enlightening speeches provided not food but feast for thought.

The links between Canada and Ukraine began in the 1890's, when the first wave of Ukrainian immigrants arrived in Western Canada. Although relations between the two countries are no longer based solely on the fact that there are some 1.3 million Ukrainian Canadians; interlocutors in Ukraine clearly accepted the premise that a unique relationship exists with Canada, which is arguably the most Ukrainian country in the world outside Ukraine.

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"Education and knowledge will ensure a future for an independent Ukraine"- Ihor Bardyn, CUPP Director

SPEAKERS

Zenon Zawada, Kyiv based journalist: "Day Two was simply exciting, particularly thanks to people like Ambassador Fraser. The speakers are people with incredible experiences offering valuable insights. I am impressed that CUPP speakers don't tiptoe around problems or try to downplay them. We're a group of serious people looking for serious answers!"

Maryana Drach, CUPP 1991 Alumna, Radio Liberty: "The most interesting quote of the Day 2 for me was an observation of Amb. Fraser on his meeting with ex-PM Lazarenko shortly before he fled Ukraine in 1990s. Mr. Lazarenko complained how corrupt Ukraine is. Disregarding the irony of this

statement, as many speakers concluded, corruption is a deep problem in the country today. I also was stimulated by professor Magocsi speech on technology threat to human intellect and interactions. I ended the Day 2, reading Magocsi book on Ukrainian history, hard copy, not an electronic book".

Patience Huntwork, Attorney, public servant in the judiciary of the State of Arizona: "I was enthralled by the messages of today. For me, the high points were Leshchenko's report on the reality of life as a free press activist and his findings on Lazarenko, the presentation on women's rights, the presentation on police brutality and corruption, and Artem Shaipov's thoughtful and objective analysis of judicial policy."

Artem Shaipov, Cambridge University: "Ukraine has a huge asset of being multicultural. For instance in Germany they have been striving to absorb the Turkish minority. In France they have issues with the Arab community. But Ukraine has experience on how to tackle multiculturalism".

Dr. Roman Petryshyn, Kule Chair of Ukrainian Community and International Development Director: "I was really impressed by the students presentations at yesterday's session. They all had a very clear understanding of the situation in Ukraine and made a for all who are interested to know

country.
number of concrete suggestions. In the future you may want to have panel sessions on specific economic sectors, such as medicine, innovation, agriculture. Of course this will mean inviting different types of people to give talks and additional categories of CUPP students. Perhaps the Alumni can help to diversify the CUPP program in the future."

Taras Kuzio, Canadian Institute of Ukrainian Studies, University of Alberta: "I prefer today because today was in some ways more concrete, in particular about the issues of corruption, judicial system, Rule of Law. We had a very good Panel after lunch with leading journalists, such as Mr. Leshchenko, dealing with media problems and how the media even in not democracy like Ukraine can investigate cases of corruptions, for example Mr. Leshchenko's investigation in the book about PavloLarazenko's case". Pay your attention to Mr. Kuzio statement "[Tymoshenko's deal sets stage for EU-Ukraine Association Agreement](#)".



Brain, heart and soul of CUPP, Mr. Bardyn

CUPP INTERNS

KaterynaMelykh: "One of the most interesting statements for me was James Huntwork's question whether agreement with EU is real or they use it just in play against Russia. It makes us think about the visible and hidden purposes of signing the association so fast. What reasons, economical or political, prevail?"

MarynaRabinovych: "I think, it will be great to make the conference more "legal-style" and discuss laws and practices in terms of particular branches and Canada-Ukraine comparative perspective."

OlehLehkyi: "Of particular interest to me were the investigations, presented by S. Leschenko (e.g. media domination by Firtash) - it gave me the incentive to learn more facts about the current status of media-control."

LjudmylaMelnyk: "The next conference should be held in Germany (Berlin) because this country is one of the most important countries in the EU and shapes the European policy. The conference in Berlin must be open

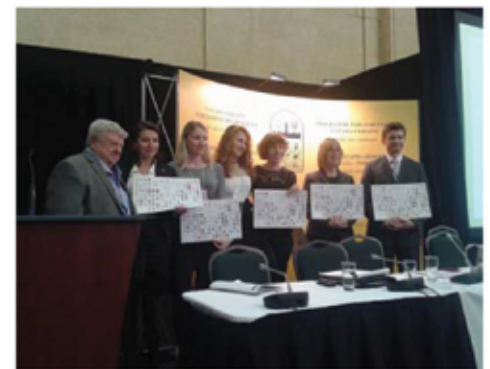


Professor Magocsi giving the speech on the threat of technology on human intellect

more about Ukraine. This way the conference would give an opportunity for not only CUPP students but also Germans to learn more about Ukraine, provide new ideas for cooperation and stable relations between Germany and Ukraine".

Anna Kuprieieva: "I think, the suggested institutional and social reforms extremely interesting and valuable, especially innovations in the education system with respect to implementation of critical thinking exercises, which, I continue to believe, would foster and stimulate youth to be innovative and preparing them for 21 century."

OleksandrZheka, CUPP 2011 & 2012: "I really enjoyed the day 2 of the conference, there was a number of very well prepared and informative presentations."



Mr. Bardyn with Speakers and their Certificates of Appreciation

Prepared By Hanna Ianova, National University of "Kyiv-Mohyla Academy" CUPP 2013 Intern to Julian Fantino and Mark Warawa; Nataliia Litvinova, University of Luhansk / Zhejiang Normal University, CUPP 2013 Intern to Joyce Murray, Khrystyna Shabo, University of Kyiv, CUPP 2013 Intern to Pierre Lemieux.

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On the last day of the conference all pulses were totaled, i's were dotted, t's crossed, solutions to problems were discussed and the White Paper was drafted.



The main goal of the last day of the Model Ukraine Workshop was to **draft the White Paper** for delivery to the governments of Ukraine and Canada and for wide distribution to the youth of Ukraine and the world beyond. We asked the speakers and guests of the conference to comment on the discussion and drafting process and share their ideas on the CUPP future.

Dr. Alexandra Hrycak, Professor of Sociology at Reed College in Portland, Oregon (USA): "I wanted to say that I found the programmatic statements that the working groups presented to be really provocative and highly useful for the processes of democratization that we've been discussing for the last few days and it suggests to me that the CUPP interns are in fact being chosen in a way that is productive for furthering the goals of democratization that are identified by the program and by the director of CUPP internship program itself".

Marco Levytsky, editor and publisher at Ukrainian News, Edmonton, AB,

Canada: "A lot of deep thought and expertise were put in the resolutions, so I'm quite impressed by the level of knowledge of the participants and amount of work they put into this and I'm quite encouraged by it".

Lada L. Roslycky, Independent consultant working with NGOs, politicians and government structures: "What made the biggest impression on me today was the unity inside the working groups, how much agreement there was amongst the students in identifying solutions to the problems. I was very impressed by this. High level of thinking and high level of determination to actually have a positive impact on Ukraine".



Derek Fraser, Canadian Ambassador to Ukraine, 1998-2001: "The thing that impressed me was how good ideas are beginning to jell from the various workshops, the various individual groups. They still need to be refined, they still need to be put together, but you really could see the fruits of the conference".

Some **problems** and possible **opportunities** arising from this conference experience were also identified.

Jaroslava Barbieri, 2011 CUPP Intern, undergraduate Degree in Philosophy from University of Rome "Sapienza": "I have little concerns about whether the meaning that all of us have been discussing during these days is going to get out of these four walls. The recommendations that we have put forward are very provocative and I think they should be analyzed and discussed more in depth because the time that we had during these 3 days was limited and I therefore think that even the topics and suggestions that we've discussed maybe should be represented on the next conference. These are just ideas that we've come up with... good ideas! They might not be real recommendations, formally analyzed and structured, but if it is not something that we can actually implement by talking to the government, it is something that could be approached in another way by social movements, by NGOs; We should work on this issues in other environments, other situations so that this effort is not lost".

Dr. Alexandra Hrycak: "I would say that one thing that CUPP could implement is a small grants program that would allow some implementations to take place in the future because this is very short-term oriented otherwise. It could be more likely to follow it through if the interns themselves were allowed to create certain kinds of working groups that would then attempt to follow through on some of this projects that were identified, because so many of them made very valuable kinds of goals".

him. He made participants ask themselves important questions. Is there ethnic tolerance in Ukraine? Is there religious freedom?

Participants also discussed the potential of this workshop for changing the future of Ukraine.

Dr. Alexandra Hrycak: "By bringing together the new generation of Ukrainian leaders and introducing them to one another, the program creates a new kind of foundation for, you can say, strengthening the

every single day from different countries in our different fields and it is something that will bring changes that will not come tomorrow. These are changes that we can see in next generations, it is something we do step by step.

Conference participants also shared their feelings and impressions from the conference.

Lucy Hicks, CUPP: The most interesting part was when everybody came together and came up with resolutions to present to the government of Ukraine their ambition, energy and commitment to doing something to change their country is phenomenal. I am really pleased.

Walter Derzko, consultant: I knew that these were very bright people, but I'm just blown away by how not just how bright they are, but by how widespread their knowledge is. I think they can be competent at any career, any job they choose. Ihor has done a marvelous job of not just selecting very good interns for the CUPP, but getting people that are true Renaissance thinkers. It leaves a really positive feeling that whatever they decide to do in the future, whether it's pursuing a career, or working in NGO, they will do well. So I leave this conference with a sense of renewed hope.



Drafting of the resolution, though, was not the only activity throughout the day.

Andrii Sorohan, CUPP 2013 intern: "Even though today's conference was really short I really liked the speech of Dr. Bennett about the religion, about minorities and their cooperation and the examples from different countries including Canada Quebec example, middle eastern and African - Nigerian examples - how different religious groups can collaborate to come to a consensus, live in one country and build a prosperous future".

Andriy Sawchuk, political assistant: "I'm glad that you had a chance to hear Dr. Bennett. He's a great speaker and you were really fortunate to have

democratization processes that are so important for Ukraine's future".

Jaroslava Barbieri: "Strengthening connections that are created during such meetings is extremely important. There are different organizations that take part in this conference so it is still a close circle of people. So, when we talk about changing the future of Ukraine it becomes something concrete. For what we discussed today, we will try to actually find projects to implement in different fields. It is important that it does not remain an intellectual debate, exercise among the elite. Still, this is the elite but if we can make contribution to different fields then it should be something that we should work on

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Model Ukraine Conference



Patience Huntwork, Phoenix, Arizona.



Jaroslava Barbieri, Rome – CUPP 2011.



*Marco
Levytsky,
Edmonton –
Editor,
Ukrainian
News.*



Dmytro Hys, Ottawa – CUPP 1999.



*Tetiana Stepykina,
Luhansk – CUPP 1997.*



*Andrew Bennett, Ambassador, Office of
Religious Freedom Canada.*



*Roman Romanovsky, CUPP 2012 – University of
Toronto, Julia Zubrytska, CUPP 2012, Oleksandr
Zheka, CUPP 2013 – Kyiv – Mohyla University.*

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Mac Ewan University, Edmonton.*



*Artem Samarsky,
CUPP 2013, St. Petersburg University.*



*Nina Hawrylow,
CUPP 2013, University
of Vienna.*



*Valeria Zhyman,
CUPP 2013.*



*Julia Kocherhan,
University of Kyiv.*



*Roman Tashlitsky,
CUPP 2003, Univer-
sity of Toronto.*



*Jaroslaw Kovalchuk,
CUPP 2008, University of the Algarve.*



*Roman Romanovsky,
CUPP 2011, University of Toronto.*



*Maryna Rabinovych,
CUPP 2013, University of Odesa.*



*Pavlo Shopin,
CUPP 2007, University of Luhansk, Cam-
bridge.*



*Ihor Bardyn, Mykola Siruk, Paul Migus,
Derek Fraser.*



*Julia Kocherhan and Oleksandr Pankiw,
CUPP 2006, London.*



*Luba Gribkova, Irena Burak,
Patience Huntwork.*



*Luba Gribkova,
CUPP 1993.*



Serhi Leschenko, Nina Hawrylow.



Government Conference Centre.



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Mykola Siruk, Roman Petryshyn, Paul Migus.



Maryna Shevchenko and Marco Levitsky.



Edie Abdultairova (Simferopol) and Andriy Zavialov (Irkutsk).



Derek Fraser.



Walter Derzko.



Artem Humeniuk, Serhi Leschenko.



Ketevan Tikanashvili, Nina Hawrylow.



Iryna Kutniak, Marianna Mykhayluk.



*Lillia Ibadova
(Kharkiv).*



*Oleh Shemetov
(Odesa), CUPP 2011.*



Tetiana Matsiuk, CUPP 2011.



*Maryanna Mykhayluk, Derek Fraser,
Stanislava Tsarkova, Valeria Zhyman.*



Workshop Berlin.



Mykola Siruk.



*Olesia Trahniuk,
CUPP 1993.*



Taras Kuzio.



Oleh Shemetov.



*Serhiy Yaroshenko,
CUPP 2013.*



*Artem Humeniuk, Irena Burak,
Serhiy Leschenko.*



*Oksana Zakydalsky
(Toronto).*



Zenon Zawada (Kyiv).





*Mariana Drach, CUPP 1992,
Lyudmyla Melnyk, CUPP 1992.*



Ambassador Andrew Bennett.



Serhiy Leschenko.



Prof. Alexandra Hrycak.



Andriy Sorokhan.



*Maryna Yaroshevych,
CUPP 2011.*



Yulia Zubrytska, Oleksandr Zheka.



Oleh Lehkyi.



Meeting Bohdan Hawrylyshyn

CUPP Dairy for 20 September 2013

Alona SHKRUM

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Intern to Peter Julian, MP for Burnaby–New Westminster

2013 Mr. Justice John Sopinka Scholarship recipient

*"Learn. Dream. Work with joy.
Love people. Love life."*

Friday, 20th September 2013 has been an exceptionally pleasant day on Parliament Hill. My work is done, drafts for the newsletters for my MP to send out to his constituents are prepared, we have had a long lunch in a Center Block cafeteria and now, at 4 pm I am getting ready to go and meet Pan Bohdan Hawrylyshyn who came to Canada to present his new book – "Remaining Ukrainian".

While I am packing my belongings, an assistant of an MP I work with, Mounia, is asking me who is Pan Bohdan Hawrylyshyn. I start to describe his numerous achievements and titles and as I come to a "full member of the Club of Rome and "director of Switzerland's International Management Institute", she is beyond impressed. Her husband is of Ukrainian descent and she is noting the name of the book to look it up later.

The day is exceptionally sunny and warm; we meet Pan Bohdan in front of the Centre Bloc of the Canadian Parliament. He happily hugs us as he knew us already for a long time and confuses some of the boys with such sincere emotions. It is great to think that we have an opportunity to spend so much time with and listen to a person who has presented his speech-

es to parliamentarians all over the world, presidents of different countries, Club of Rome members and the World Bank, Oxford students and generals in Argentina...

The last time I saw him was a while ago in Ukraine, where during the celebration of Italian National Day, he gracefully and spontaneously was joking with ambassadors from different countries in perfect French, English and Ukrainian and where local Ukrainian "celebrities", who just came to the reception from a political talk show of Savic Shuster, suddenly were shocked and confused by the interest of foreign diplomats towards this small old man. Some of them asked me who this "Pan" is. This is again an ironic example of how for-

eigners know more about our own history and people than we do.

Bohdan Hawrylyshyn is a lively, playful speaker, he is smiling as he speaks and looks you straight into the eyes.

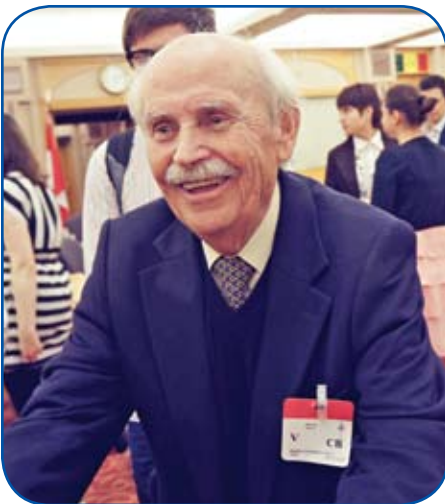
Being offered a chair and a microphone, pan Bohdan says that as short as he is, it is difficult to attract attention, but when he sits down he becomes invisible. We are laughing. Pan Bohdan can be called many things, but "invisible" is certainly not one of them. He is optimistic, eternally young, interested in everything.

His smile, charisma and energy fill the room immediately when he walks in.

AT age 86, he stands during



Bohdan Harylyshyn, Ihor Bardyn with CUPP 2013 Interns.



his talk for 2 hours with no sign of tiredness. When answering a question from an audience, he calls a person by name, which makes me worried, as we have no name tags and after a week in Canada I personally still do not know the names of all the interns.

Pan Bohdan is a great motivational speaker. He inspires you to dream and to follow his dream of transforming Ukraine. He begins right from the beginning, with no introduction: *"Ukraine is in a shocking state. Ukraine needs a transformation."* His plan to transform Ukraine consists in encouraging competition of ideas and encouraging young and active Ukrainians to form teams of friends that will conduct a research on 1 specific European country, the value system of this country, political institutions, economic system and other issues they want to concentrate upon.

Those teams of Ukrainians should combine at least one lawyer, one economist and ecologist so that they could investigate and

research on different areas of the countries experience. Those teams are to bring out the ideas, the research and the experience they had to formulate a program suitable for a political movement or party and capable of showing a path towards a better Ukraine. *"Everything I did in life, started with a dream, not with a business plan"*, said Pan Bohdan. "When I was young and surrounded by the Carpathian Mountains – I dreamt about discovering the world. And I have seen the world. I have to admit that even the International Management Institute did not start with a business plan. It started with a dream, an idea".

He encourages young people to dream and to act. Indeed, pan Bohdan is a rare combination of a Dreamer and a man who Acts upon his dream.

We are asked what are the values of Ukrainians? Pan Bohdan responds to his own question in a low voice: *"The values are the ones Ukrainians have demonstrated during the Orange Revolution. What did they ask for? What were their demands? They only asked for 2 things: freedom and truth. Just two simple things."*

It sounds simple, as everything with Pan Bohdan. I remember that Winston Churchill used to say that all the great things are simple, and many can be expressed in a single word: freedom, justice, honour, duty, mercy, hope.

For Pan Bohdan Hawrylyshyn it is even simpler, his motto is: ***"Learn. Dream. Work with joy. Love people. Love life"***.



A Week to Remember

Khrystyna KULYASA

University of Toronto

Intern to Honourable Harold Albrecht, MP for Kitchener–Conestoga, Ontario

2013 Senator Raynell Andreychuk Scholarship recipient

It has been an absolute pleasure, and an unforgettable experience meeting, working and learning with my fellow MacDonald-Laurier Program and Canadian Ukrainian Parliamentary Program Interns.

Although the MLP program was just a week, it was enough to not only open my eyes to the internal workings of our government, but also sufficient to forge some incredible friendships with an exceptionally intelligent and spirited group of individuals. From working in MP Harold Albrecht's office, to meeting with various governmental officials, to witnessing our CUPP team reign victorious over the House "Commoners", the week was an unforgettable ride and I am extremely thankful to have been a

part of it.

Although it is easy to be skeptical of governments in general, or complain about their nature, it is another thing entirely to realize exactly the importance of being able to do just that. Transparency, accountable institutions, rule of law, are just a few of the things we take for granted every day. One of the most important parts of the internship, I believe, was the opportunity to witness not just how these concepts translate in our nation's capital, but how the system functions on the micro level. Communications, coordination, the endless meetings, briefings and reading – getting the "backroom" view to our government truly makes me appreciate the incredible work these individuals do on a daily basis. I was fortunate enough to be directly involved in some of Mr. Albrecht's

meetings and it was highly educational to witness how much truly does get done every day.

Beyond the wonderful work and political experience, the social aspect is also worth mentioning, as it immensely added to the week in Ottawa. The wonderful CUPPers organized many interesting trips, meetings, get-togethers and were extremely open and friendly to the MLPers. I think for a lot of us, our visit to MP Peter Stoffer's office was definitely a highlight. We were very graciously hosted by Mr. Stoffer, who invited us to his quirky office and spent an entire evening socializing with us, sharing life stories and offering invaluable life advice.

Overall, I do believe this is an incredible program for students of Ukrainian heritage, or anyone interested in Ukrainian affairs for that matter, to learn about the Canadian government and at the same time make connections with the present institutions in Ukraine and envision a better future for a country that possesses such immense potential. It was a pleasure meeting so many intelligent and dedicated CUPPers, and I have faith that with them in Ukraine and the diaspora going strong here, we can see a rebirth and prosperity in our beloved Ukraine in our lifetime.

I am pleased to share some of my snapshots of the week and I hope to see all these lovely faces soon enough!

Будьмо!



Empty Parliament



First day for MLP: Meeting the CUPPers and celebrating National Austria Day!



Above: Meeting with Mary Watson, Conflict of Interest and Ethics High Commissioner of Canada.

Right: MLP at the Wild Game and Fish Reception in Centre Block.



Left to Right: Mykola Krawetz (Queen's University), Oleh Postelyuzhnyy (U of Manitoba), Krystyna Kulyasa (U of Toronto), Christina Shopin (U of Toronto), Wasył Luczkiw (U of Toronto).



Meeting with the Canada-Ukraine Parliamentary Friendship Group, Chaired by MP Ted Opatz.



CUPP vs. House MPs, "Commoners".





Above: CUPPers retain their soccer champions title.



Left: Tour of Centre Block.



Mr. Stoffer's incredible collection includes over 6000 hats sent to him over the years, all of which will one day be raffled off and proceeds given to charity. Wasył Luczkiw contributed to the pin collection, pinning his UNYF pin.



Intern-Assistant Cooperation

Kseniia MUKHINA

National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy
Intern to Peggy Nash, MP for Parkdale–High Park, Toronto, Ontario
2013 Oksana Leskiv Scholarship recipient



CUPP Interns have been serving internships in the House of Commons for the past 23 years. Well over 400 Members of Parliament have participated in the program. While the work, which a CUPP Intern performs during the internship, varies from office to office, there are some basic chores, which most Interns perform. I would like to share with the readers the scope of the work, which I performed in the office of my MP Peggy Nash. Being an intern means being a part of the team. Headed by the MP on the way to tackle the pressing issues, the team also includes assistants, both legislative and parliamentary.

Coming to Ottawa, we knew the names of the Members of Parliament, in whose offices we were going to do our Internships, which gave us an opportunity to do appropriate research about the MP and his or her politics. But only after coming to Ottawa were we able to meet the very people we are going to spend most of our time with – the assistants to our MPs.

Assistants play a crucial role in our Internship: they are our guides to the world of Canadian politics. We communicate with assistants on a daily basis; they instruct us about our assignments and teach us a lot about the Canadian legislative system.

The specific assignments for interns depend on the office, but usually they can be grouped in several sections:

- Maintain database and distribute mailings,



Maryna Shevchenko, CUPP-2013 Intern and Greg McClinchey, Legislative Assistant, office of Judy Sgro, MP for West York, Ontario.

“CUPP is a great opportunity for bright young Ukrainian men and women to gain valuable experience with a well-established world leader in democracy; to be able to bring this experience back home to preserve and advance their own democratic process.” – Jacob Fergus, Parliamentary Assistant, office of Peggy Nash, MP for Parkdale – High Park, Ontario



Anatolii Reva, CUPP-2013 Intern and Nahielly Fernandez Denys, Legislative Assistant, office of Ted Opatz, MP for Etobicoke Centre, Ontario.



Kseniia Mukhina, CUPP-2013 Intern and Jacob Fergus, Parliamentary Assistant, office of Peggy Nash, MP for Parkdale–High Park, Ontario.

- Assist with Member's constituency-related correspondence,
- Open, log, and distribute mail, faxes, emails and respond as is appropriate,
- Assist with research.

In a deadline-driven environment we are taught the basics of general administrative duties. Being involved in multiple

projects at a time, interns are required to have meticulous attention to detail and strong organizational skills.

The CUPP Internship is a chance to get a glimpse into an everyday life of Canadian politics and see democracy in action; and we are grateful both to our MPs and their assistants for giving us an opportunity to be a part of it.

"I believe that CUPP is an excellent program for students. It provides students from Ukraine with an opportunity to gain foreign parliamentary experience and develop knowledge about democratic governance. It's a wonderful opportunity for young Ukrainians to build relationships with their colleagues here in Canada."
– Kinga Surma, Parliamentary Assistant for the office of Wladyslaw Lizon, Mississauga East- Cooksville, ON



Iyna Kutnyak, CUPP-2013 Intern and Matthew van Vorstenbos, Legislative Assistant, office of Corneliu Chisu, MP for Pickering-Scarborough East, Ontario.



Maryna Shevchenko, CUPP 2013 intern and Greg McClinchey, Legislative Assistant, office of Judy Sgro, MP for West York, Ontario.

"The CUPP is a fantastic opportunity for many of the MP offices in Ottawa. The CUPPers almost always offer unique perspectives and skillsets that are far too often missing up on the Hill" – **Matthew van Vorstenbos, Legislative Assistant, office of Corneliu Chisu, MP for Pickering-Scarborough East**

"We have participated in CUPP for 3 years and delighted to receive three exceptional interns from Ukraine. I think that the CUPP program is an excellent experience – both for the interns and for those of us who work in Parliament. The participants in the current and past programs that I have had the pleasure of interacting with are bright, enthusiastic, and motivated to make the most of every moment to learn from their time here. This year I have been very lucky to get to know Maryna, who is an example of the great initiative taken by CUPP participants to ask many questions and learn about the Canadian system of democracy. She and her colleagues are great examples of the wonderful talent that Ukraine offers in its youth and future leadership" – **Basia Puszkars, Legislative Assistant, office of Linda Duncan, MP for Edmonton-Strathcona, Alberta**



Marianna Mykhaylyuk, CUPP-2013 Intern and Kinga Surma, Parliamentary Assistant, office of Wladyslaw Lizon, MP for Mississauga East-Cooksville, Ontario.



Maryna Gusyakova, CUPP-2013 Intern and Basia Puszkars, Legislative Assistant, office of Linda Duncan, MP for Edmonton-Strathcona, Alberta.

"The Canada-Ukraine Parliamentary Program has become throughout the years an invaluable resource for parliamentarians and staff from all "political colors" and I am confident in this assertion as an observer as well as an indirect beneficiary from the experience. Albeit a bit short, participants/interns contribute substantively to the every-day affairs of Hill offices, both

through research and logistical support, and outside of the parliamentary operations they also get privileged and direct access to politicians, as well as diplomats, opportunities which most staff can only dream of.

I think the program is a symbiotic success (both for the interns and the offices "hosting" them) which is why it has continued throughout the years, and I hope it will continue for as long as possible. We are lucky also to attend with the CUPP interns to their events (cultural and sports-related) and more importantly to get their removed and comparative perspectives on a reality in which we are submerged on a regular basis." – Sabrina Sotiriu, Administrative Assistant, office of Robert Goguen, MP for Moncton–Riverview–Dieppe, New Brunswick

Roots

Nina HAWRYLOW

University of Vienna

Intern to Stephen Woodworth, MP for Kitchener, Ontario
2013 William & Antonina Bazylewych Scholarship recipient



There is a thing I want to share with you and it may sound strange coming after my Canadian experience as an Intern, but I never felt or saw myself as Ukrainian, until I came to Canada.

I grew up as Austrian, without knowing anything about Ukraine. There was only this myth in the family about the origin of my grandfather and my father, who suffered a lot from having a Slavic mentality and no one to understand him. My grandfather did not teach his children Ukrainian and held back more or less all the information about the country and its history, for a number of reasons. This absence of information about his ancestry, impacted on my father.

This is probably the reason why I started to study Ukrainian. Before I went to University, I had never been to Ukraine, nor had I heard a single word of Ukrainian (except for some names of villages). My grandfather died in 1997, so he didn't get the chance to witness, what path I have taken and frankly I am not sure how he would have reacted to my choices.

What I can say for sure is that bringing the language and the country of my ancestors back into my family has brought peace to my father and subsequently to me. We travelled together to the village where my grandfather was born, even saw the ancestral house and met my father's cousins. We visited with family in L'viv. Ukraine has now become real for my father.

What I learned in Canada is that I can be both. I can be Austrian and Ukrainian at the same time. And I can say that I am Ukrainian although I am only a fourth part. In Austria, which is a very traditional and structured society, this may sound strange, but I now know that like in Canada, where you can be both Canadian and Ukrainian, it is possible to be both Austrian and Ukrainian.

The CUPP 2013 Interns have been incredibly friendly and warm to me. They accepted me as one of them. I feel truly honoured to have met all of them and to have been given the chance to become part of the CUPP community. The CUPP Canadian experience is de-

finetely a part of the journey of my return to my Ukrainian roots.

Thank you.





George Washington Has Left

Marichka POLYULYUK

University of Lviv

Intern to Hon. Jason Kenney, MP for Calgary Southeast, Alberta

2013 Solomia Borshosh Scholarship recipient

CUPP is in a way a transformer of psychologies. We are grateful to be in the House of Commons, not only because of the chance to travel, but also because of the impact this internship has made on our lives. The CUPP organizers are assisting us in healing the mental scars inherited from the Soviet regime. This Internship in the Canadian parliament represents for all of us an expunging of the Soviet cobwebs that have dwelt inside us.

In the first month that we have been here, we have discovered that Canadians live according to the rule of law – although it is not easy to define the concept. Ukrainians can provide a definition; even quote a really sophisticated one, but we do not yet know how to live by the rule of law.

Ukrainians are still waiting for our “George Washington” to lead us out of the Soviet wilderness into a European and Canadian-style political and legal system. This we understand to be the wrong approach as we should not wait for the “good Tsar” but become active ourselves.

At the same time, the Director keeps reminding us that George Washington died a long time ago and that we are the masters of our country and our own future. While adherence to the rule of law is in our constitution and laws, it is not yet the case in reality and in practice. But this though is only a temporary aberration because we, the younger generation who have experienced how Canadian rule of law and democracy works in practice, will strive to introduce this into our own country, Ukraine. It is for all of us to become “George Washington’s!”



Personal Reflection on MLP Internship Program

Nick (Mykola) KRAWETZ

Queens University

Intern to Hon. Jason Kenney, MP for Calgary Southeast, Alberta

2013 Paul Yuzyk Scholarship recipient

Let me begin by expressing my gratitude and appreciation to you Mr. Bardyn, for your time and efforts regarding the coordination and implementation of the inaugural MacDonald-Laurier Internship Program (MLP) under the auspices of the Canada-Ukraine Parliamentary Program (CUPP). As MLP was a “pilot project,” my hope is that MLP will continue well into the future as I believe such an initiative can not only serve as a source of inspiration for Ukrainian-Canadian university students interested in further understanding their system of governance but can also encourage participants to reflect upon the values, ideals,

and practices our system strives to uphold.

As you know, Ukraine has faced and continues to face many challenges while attempting to create a system of governance that is both transparent and accountable to its citizens. On the first day of the MLP internship program, MLP interns along with our CUPP counterparts simultaneously attended a meeting with Mary Dawson, Canada’s current Conflict of Interest and Ethics Commissioner. Given the widespread corruption and bribery in Ukraine’s political system, I believe this meeting was particularly useful and relevant as Commissioner Dawson outlined her mandate as an independent Officer of Parliament and explained how her office strives to prevent corruption and conflict of

interests among elected public officials. Moreover, this meeting provided an excellent opportunity to highlight the differences between the Canadian and Ukrainian political systems.

From a personal perspective, I found the meetings with the Governor of the Bank of Canada Stephen Poloz and CIDA Country Program Coordinator for Ukraine Gina Watson to be the most beneficial in light of my academic background and aspirations to work in the public service, particularly in the Department of Foreign Affairs, Trade, and Development (DFATD). Throughout the week, however, there were many opportunities to meet and network with Ministers, Members of Parliament, Senators, political staffers, and civil servants in both formal and informal settings.

As a recent Canadian university graduate, these experiences were truly unique and invaluable.

In regard to the potential simultaneous conduction of the MLP and CUPP internship programs in the future, I strongly believe that this is a must given the potential for the creation of a sustained cultural-educational-communication bridge between young Ukrainian-Canadians and Ukrainians. I am very grateful that I was

able to meet all CUPPers, which were all extremely intelligent and competent individuals. As many of them indicated their aspirations to return to Ukraine following the completion of their studies abroad, I am extremely optimistic and confident that Ukraine will be able to create and sustain effective political, economic, and social change with their help.

In closing, I would like to thank Marichka Polyulyuk and Andriy Bryn for their help

and insights while working together in Minister Jason Kenney's office. Also, I would like to thank Iryna Pushchuk and Oksana Dekhtiarova for their efforts in coordinating meetings and events throughout the week.

Я ще раз хотів би подякувати Вам за створення цієї програмою та хочу висловити мою щирю вдячність за Вашу невтомну працю та внесок у відродження України! Слава Вам! Слава Україні!

CUPP & MLP

In the 2013 Autumn Session of Parliament, the House of Commons in Ottawa welcomed university students from Austria, China, Georgia, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, Russia and Ukraine for the 23rd annual *Canada Ukraine Parliamentary Program*, as well as Canadian students from Simon Fraser University, the University of Alberta, University of Manitoba, University of Saskatchewan, University of Toronto, University of Ottawa, York University and Ryerson University for the inaugural *Macdonald-Laurier Program*.

From the perspective of over 10 years, since your CUPP year, what is CUPP's importance?

I believe that the importance of CUPP can hardly be overestimated because it has made a significant difference in very many young people's lives. If there was a way for the Ukrainian Diaspora in North America to help Ukraine in a truly meaningful way, CUPP was it. In other words, investing into the education of Ukraine's most talented youths, the country's future leaders, innovators and social activists, was perhaps the smartest and most strategic investment possible. In addition to the obvious benefit of creating an incredibly rewarding learning opportunity for its participants, a first-hand experience with a functional democracy, CUPP has promoted the dissemination of democratic and human rights values; instilled a sense of merit-based accomplishment (unfortunately, so untypical of Ukraine); fostered critical and independent thinking skills; built of a community of patriots willing to serve rather than just pay lip service; and cultivated a spirit of open-minded inquiry and curiosity. In one word, upon return to Ukraine, CUPP participants have (consciously or subconsciously) become agents of change, regardless of how they will eventually choose to apply their skills and talents.

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Excerpt an Interview conducted by Kateryna Melekh (CUPP 2013) with Roman Ivashkiv
(CUPP 2003 Intern to Walt Lastewka).*



Discussing Europe in Severodonetsk

Pavlo SHOPIN

CUPP 2006 & 2008

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In November 2004, the separatist wing of the Party of Regions' leaders and their minions, held a meeting in Severodonetsk. This event brought new fears to citizens loyal to a united Ukraine and heralded a new time of loathing for the Eastern Ukrainian authorities. The anti-Western sentiment which emanated from this and similar other initiatives, were efficiently promulgated by the local government in Donbas during the presidential term of Viktor Yushchenko. Today times have changed for the Ukrainian elite, and separatism has been supplanted by the need to integrate with the EU. After years of negotiations between Ukraine and its European partners, the Association Agreement between the European Union and Ukraine is finally looming on the horizon. While President Yanukovich and the government pursue their pragmatic interests and plan no integral adjustment of the balance of power, Ukraine could mostly benefit from the grassroots mental changes which are only possible through education. It is ironic that the Party of Regions should now fight the anti-Western prejudice it once thrived upon. However, educational and enlightening efforts of the local authorities are scarce and far between in Donbas. While the authorities are reluctant to promote the integration process, international organizations and Ukrainian activists are struggling to introduce

to Ukrainians European values and discourse.

It was symbolic that the Camp for Europe, which gathered about thirty participants from around Ukraine, yet predominantly from Donbas, was held in Severodonetsk between August 29 and September 1, 2013. This summer school was organized by the Friedrich Ebert Foundation and personally by Maryna Yaroshevych, CUPP '11 alumna. I was lucky to be among the participants and witness professional moderation of the event by Maksym Butkevych, activist and journalist, and Bogdan Ferens, senior consultant at the Verkhovna Rada. The participants stayed and convened in the hotel *Myr*, which managed to impress with its cleanliness and great service. Perhaps low expectations pay off, because I rarely feel impressed about the places of stay during conferences or summer schools in Ukraine.

During the first day of the Camp, we discussed the key values and precepts of social democracy. The Friedrich Ebert Foundation is ideologically close to the Social Democratic Party of Germany (SPD) and it was only logical for social democracy to be on the agenda. The moderators explained the values of freedom, justice, and solidarity as the key elements of the Foundation's ideology. Then we discussed liberal and conservative politics. I thoroughly enjoyed

the practical task of relating specific policies in health care, welfare, and education to four different countries which tend to be either more liberal, social democratic, or conservative in their state politics. This task was done in a small team of five to six people and vivid discussion ensued. While we made several mistakes, I felt that most participants understood the difference between the policies and their underlying ideology rather well. Finally, participants were asked to work in groups and present different visions of Ukraine and came up with original models of government. Instead of the authoritarian oligarchic Ukraine, the liberal, conservative and social democratic visions were introduced. After the seminars we walked around the city and saw the Severodonetsk Ice Sports Palace, which emerged somber and gloomy in the dimly lit city center. The place, where the separatist meeting took place in 2004, now looked innocuous and suggestive, boasting a poster announcing the concert of the comedy show Kvartal 95. The farcical has never left its premises.

On the second day, we focused on the European values and integration with the EU. The social, political and economic ramifications of the Association Agreement were presented by Bogdan Ferens. While the main purpose was to discuss the future of Ukraine after signing the Association Agreement,



**Pavlo Shopin and
Maryna Yaroshevych (CUPP 2011).**



Participants of the Camp for Europe.

I was thinking about the possible scenarios of our government's failure to sign it in Vilnius this year. The current political situation strongly suggests that there is a lot of indecision, reluctance and outright hostility on the side of the government towards the European values and policies. Hence, it is perfectly natural to remain skeptical about the prospects of the integration of Ukraine to the democratic commonwealth of European nations. The Verkhovna Rada could fail to pass the necessary laws for signing the agreement. The Constitutional Court of Ukraine could rule that the agreement would violate the Constitution of Ukraine. The EU could refuse to sign the agreement with the country which passes laws without any responsibility for them. These laws may bear the required titles but can only sabotage and prevent the proposed policies from being implemented. However, the summer school offered a much more positive perspective and promoted the association agreement, fulfilling an important task of bringing European optimism to Donbas. The in-depth discussion of the consequences of the European integration process was the most informative part of the day. After the seminars we spent the night in

small groups producing short videos which promoted European values. At first, my team planned to finish the work by 8 p.m. But we were still compiling the videos and working on the project at 3.15 a.m. The robust team work was both challenging and rewarding. This was an amazing experience of creative team work, leadership and conflict resolution. Participants had an opportunity to engage personally with freedom, justice, solidarity, tolerance, and fairness as the cornerstones of the European system of values.

The next day we spent discussing discrimination and intolerance. Maksym Butkevych talked about right radicalism and the relationship between tolerance and intolerance. We also discussed the government and public efforts to fight discrimination. Some of the participants asked the following question. What is in common between racial and sexual orientation discrimination? They felt uneasy about the LGBT minorities and hoped that their attitude could be exonerated if this kind of discrimination were unique from all the rest. Yet we have agreed that it was not the case. At least, the moderator did his best to convey the message. Unfortunately, the rights of the LGBT people remain unrec-

ognized and neglected in Ukraine. I hope that the discussion at the Camp for Europe has changed the attitude towards minorities of at least several people. After all, fighting discrimination is part of the European integration process. Yet the inefficacy and hypocrisy of the recent anti-discrimination bill in the Ukrainian Parliament demonstrated the aforementioned reluctance of the government to embrace European values. Such impotence of the government cannot transform society. Thus, society itself has to exert more influence on the government to foster democracy and the rule of law. The relationship between the government and society and the inherent dynamics were also the subject of the work on the third day. One of the seminars was devoted to tolerance as the foundation for civil society. Intolerance undermines this foundation and cannot be tolerated. Finally, we have unbiased information as the participants were segregated by the color of their eyes and did the "blue-eyed/brown eyed" exercise, which was quite useful and generated a fascinating discussion. In another exercise, we witnessed the meaninglessness of stereotypes about different ethnic minorities as they could lead to conflict and misunderstanding.

The organizers encouraged the participants of the Camp for Europe to apply the acquired knowledge and skills in real life. How can you promote European values in under forty seconds? While somewhat implausible in everyday life, it was great practice during the seminar. Everybody participated in this exercise. I also tried to persuade my interlocutor but failed to achieve the goal under the time pressure. The elevator speech exercise was really useful and practical. An elevator speech is no trivial thing, when the pro-Russian lobby is threatening to silence the EU discourse and cooperation for years to come.

The Camp for Europe was definitely a unique event in Severodonetsk. It attracted the attention of the local media and the Party of Regions youth organization leaders also took part in it. Hopefully, young people can learn to appreciate democracy and the rule of law. The summer school launched important cooperation and public discussion. The Friedrich Ebert Foundation successfully generated meaningful EU discourse and engaged people of different political views. Promoting social democracy in the land of corrupt capitalism and providing a platform for the public exchange of ideas are both noble causes.

The future of Ukraine is ultimately in the EU, but there are a lot of dangers to that process right now. It is also the responsibility of the public to do everything possible so that the EU project for Ukraine is not consigned to oblivion, as was the case with the NATO ambitions. The Ukrainian government is faking it in order not to make it. Nevertheless, Ukrainians have the power to change their society for better. In this situation, the European values can serve as the guiding principles of progressive change instead of the self-defeating "pokrashchennya".



Top Row L to Cupola of Parliamentary Library, Hull in the background.



CUPP 2013 Interns during Mock Trial in Supreme Court.



Serhiy Leshchenko, Mykola Siruk, Kateryna Melykh, Yaroslav Kovalchuk at Model Ukraine Conference.



CUPP 2013 Interns on visit to Supreme Court.



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Михайло Нігоян 2014 22 січня
Жизневський 2014 22 січня
Юрій Вербицький
Максим Горобишин. 20 січня 2014
Богдан Калиняк. 28 січня 2014
Сергій Бондарєв. 18 лютого 2014
Валерій Брезденюк. 18 лютого 2014
Віталій Васильцов. 18 лютого
Олександр Карінос. 18 лютого 2014
Володимир Кіщук. 18 лютого 2014
Олександр Плеханов. 18 лютого 2014
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Many Faces of CUPP 2013



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Inside Back Cover: Painting titled **“Dove leads heroes of Maydan to eternal peace”** by Alla Sorochan, a second year student at the Academy of Fine Arts in Kyiv. The painting lists the names of victims of assassination squads in the employ of ex-President Viktor Yanukhovich. The first to be killed was Serhiy Nihoyan, a Ukrainian of Armenian ancestry, who was killed on January 22, 2014. Serhiy Nikoyan was born August 2, 1993 in the village of Bereznovativka, Dnipropetrovsk Province, east of the Dnipro River.