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At the Canada-Ukraine Business Forum in Toronto on June 20, 2016. L to R: Ulyana Khromyak (CUPP 2001), Ihor Bardyn (CUPP Director), Volodymyr Omelian (Minister of Infrastructure, Transportation and Logistics, CUPP 1999), Nataliya Mykolska (Deputy Minister of Economic Development and Trade, CUPP 2000 Fall).

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 commemorated the Centennial, by establishing the Canada-Ukraine Parliamentary Program (CUPP) for university students. CUPP is a parliamentary internship program,

which gives Ukrainian students an opportunity to work and study in the Canadian Parliament, and gain experience from which generations of Canadian, American and West European students have benefited. On the basis of academic excellence, knowledge of the English or French and Ukrainian languages, and an interest in the Westminster Parliament model of government, university students from Ukrainian 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 this, its 25th year of operation, the CUPP program welcomes thirty-three university students who attend universities in Bratislava, Dnipropetrovsk, Edinburgh, Krakow, Kyiv, Lviv, Munich, Mykolaiv, Lutsk, Ternopil, Vinnytsia, and Zaporizhia. The next traditional CUPP program will take place in the Autumn of 2017.

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Вікно в Канаду

Роман ДІДЕНКО

CUPP 1996

Volodymyr Dahl National University, Luhansk
Intern to the Hon. Lawrence MacAulay, Cardigan P.E.I.

Я сиджу і дивлюся крізь вікно. Надворі всі ознаки близької весни. 28 лютого 1997 р. Сніг, що давно вже перестав підніматися настрій, поступово тане, відступаючи під натиском все сильнішого сонця. Звідкись лунає тиха музика. Пізнаю U2, а потім Deriche Mode. За вікном мчать машини, деś пішов саодикий пішохід, а я все дивлюся і думаю. Де я? Чому я тут? І де я був рік тому?

Ще з тих пір, як я був студентом першого курсу, пам'ятаю одну фразу із підручника англійської мови Аракіна: "Canada is a far away country..." І ось я тут, в цій далекій країні, в її адміністративному центрі (завважу, що в цю пору року, я б ні за що не хотів опинитися в центрі географічному). В Канаді я вже вдруге. Позаду – надзвичайно цікава низка подій і пригод. Попереду – великі перспективи, спричинені набутим досвідом і бажанням втілити в українське життя все те позитивне, що я бачу в цій країні, яка, за визнанням ООН, є найкращим у світі місцем для життя.

А почалося все вранці 4 травня 1996 р., коли літак авіакомпанії AirUkraine відірвався від рідної землі з серйозним наміром перетнути Атлантику, несучи мене в мою першу закордонну подорож. Я був одним з тридцяти студентів з усіх куточків України, що подолали довгий шлях відбіркових змагань на шляху до Отави, щоб стати учасниками шостої Парламентської Програми Канада-Україна. Студенти

яскраво виділялись на фоні здебільше похилого віку пасажирів літака, як виділяється і програма, своєю неповторністю і національністю на майбутнє.

Дев'ятого травня переможців зустрічала Оттава – чарівне місто на березі однойменної річки. Перед нами постав з туману Парляментський пагорб, піднятися на який і було нашою основною метою. Будівлі канадського парламенту витримані в єдиному стилі, що дуже нагадує будівлі парламенту британського, що зрештою не дивно, зважаючи на те, як тісно пов'язана історія цих двох країн. Прохолодний туман, суворі парламентські будівлі, Башта Миру, що височить над усією Отавою, а особливо церемонія зміни караулу у виконанні Королівської Гвардії миттєво створюють відчуття перебування в старій добрій Англії. Але це лише перше враження.

Канада вже давно провадить свою власну політику і учасники програми Канада-Україна мали виняткову нагоду провести два місяці в самому серці канадської політики, працюючи в офісах депутатів парламенту і спостерігаючи політичне життя зсередини – нагоду, яку має далеко не кожен. За словами одного з моїх товаришів по програмі, величезна цінність її полягає в тому, що вона надає можливість набуття досвіду професійного пляну який є безцінним для людей зацікавлених у політиці, а радше у майбутньому своєї країни. Враження, отримані під час зустрі-

чей з канадськими політиками та урядовцями, юристами та науковцями, дуже важко передати словами, але забути навряд чи можливо.

Культурна частина програми ніяк не менш насичена і захоплююча. Я ніколи не мріяв побачити так багато за такий короткий проміжок часу. Торонто, Монреаль, Ніягарський водоспад, національний парк Алгонквін, автомобільний завод General Motors в Ошаві, і сама Оттава з її численними музеями, фестивалями і кафе на будь-який смак – все це було частиною програми і назавжди лишилось частиною моїх спогадів.

Багато країн стараються надати своїй молоді досвід роботи в канадському парламенті. Тим більш приємно знати, що програма Канада-Україна є лідером, як за числом учасників, так і за рівнем організації, випереджаючи навіть "у всьому перших" американців. Все це стало можливим завдяки Фундації катедри українознавчих студій в Торонто (Chair of Ukrainian Studies Foundation) на чолі з паном Ігорем Бардиним. Розуміючи, що майбутнє України неможливе без освіченої і досвідченої молоді, Фондація започаткувала парламентську програму в 1991 р. і дотепер робить все, щоб надати українським студентам можливість навчатися і набувати досвіду у найкращих наукових та професійних установах світу. Не варто і казати, що два місяці програми пролетіли дуже швид-

ко. І незчулися ми, як уже настав час для офіційної церемонії закриття програми, що відбувалась в Торонто в атмосфері піднесення і, водночас, суму, бо то ж таки було логічне завершення.

Завершення, але не кінець. Багато хто з минулорічних учасників програми зараз продовжує навчання в престижних університетах Західної Європи та Північної Америки. Дружба, що почалася під час програми, залишиться назавжди. Уже зараз випускники програми активно включаються у суспільне життя в Україні, але це лише початок. Далі буде більше, і кажучи словами одного з учасників Парламентарної програми Канада-США: "Україна буде в надійних

руках, коли ця група молодих, енергійних і освічених друзів вийде на політичну арену". Наприкінці програми, я отримав почесну нагороду: Стипендію імені Джона Сопінки, для однорічного стажування в Канадському інституті полагодження конфліктів. І ось я знову в Канаді, в її адміністративному центрі. Я вивчаю науку, що є новою навить тут, у Північній Америці, але яка надзвичайно швидко розвивається і тиснить традиційні суди і бійки як засоби розв'язання конфліктів. Безперечно, ці нові ідеї знайдуть своє місце і в Україні і я в захопленні від можливості бути одним з найперших українців у цій новій сфері.

Знову дивлячись у вікно, я не

можу не думати про те, що участь в Парламентарній програмі Канада-Україна стала для мене вікном в Канаду, в новий світ широких перспектив. Перебування в чужій країні, відділеній тисячами кілометрів води і суші від рідної домівки, дало мені крім всього іншого, одну можливість, якої я взагалі не очікував. Вперше, я по-справжньому відчув свою тотожність, причетність до України, гордість за свою націю і країну. У цьому пляні участь у Парламентарній програмі Канада-Україна стала й вікном у мою власну душу. А чи можна отримати знання більше, ніж розуміння самого себе? ■



CUPP 2016 interns at Niagara Falls. L to R: R. Lozynskyy, K. Krotiuk, B. Ovcharenko, L. Slobodian, S. Kokhan and S. Kisilova.



CUPP 2016 interns at Niagara Falls. L to R: S. Kokhan, S. Kisilova, B. Ovcharenko, L. Slobodian, K. Krotiuk and R. Lozynskyy.



CUPP 2016 Interns at Niagara Falls. L to R: Y. Melekh, L. Chabursky, V. Kobrin, B. Ovcharenko, D. Batalova, O. Spytzia, S. Chabursky.



CUPP 2016 Interns: O. Spytzia, B. Ovcharenko, and V. Kobrin with Lyubomyr and Solomia Chabursky at Niagara Falls.

CUPP Interns



Viktoria BARBANIUK

Born in: Ivankiv, Ukraine

Hometown: Kamianets-Podilskyi, Ukraine

Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv, Ukraine (est. 1834) Institute of International Relations, Bachelor of International Relations with honours. Motto of University: "Utility, Honour and Glory"
University of Wrocław, Poland (est. 1702) Faculty of Social Science, International Student Exchange Master's program "International Relations".

Alexandra and Irene Sukniarsky CUPP Scholarship recipient

2016 Intern to **Bob Saroya**, MP for Markham–Unionville, Ontario. After being elected to office in October 2015, Saroya was appointed by Interim Leader of the Conservative Party Rona Ambrose as the Deputy Critic for Immigration, Citizenship and Refugees and is currently serving on the Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration. Saroya immigrated from India in 1974 with \$7 in his pocket. Armed with a dream of making this country his own and an undying spirit for hard work and dedication he was able to, over the years, become a successful businessman and father. Prior to throwing his hat into the political field, Saroya assumed various positions and worked his way up the Canadian corporate ladder. Over the last 40 years he has become a well-known face in Markham. Community service has always been an integral part of Bob's life. He has been involved in fundraising activities for many important local organizations such as: 360° Kids (York), Markham Stouffville Hospital, in addition to sponsoring many local amateur sports teams. Complementary to his community involvement, Bob also takes time out of his busy schedule to meet with, and mentor, many new immigrants. MP Saroya continues to serve his constituents in Ottawa and will continue to fight for their needs.

Foreign languages: English, Russian, French



Bob Saroya

(basic), Polish (basic).

Last book read: Ayn Rand "The Fountainhead".

Favourite quote by Ukrainian author: "Ми – це не безліч стандартних "я", а безліч всесвітів різних" – Василь Симоненко.

Favourite quote by foreign author: "The future depends on what you do today" – Mahatma Gandhi.

Favourite musical recordings: Okean Elzy "Така як ти" (The girl like you).

Outstanding landmark or architecture in Canada: **Place D'Armes, Montreal, Quebec.** Originally built at the end of the 17th century, Place d'Armes gathered all the periods of French Canadian past in one place. In the center of the square stands a monument dedicated to the city's founder – Paul Chomedey de Maisonneuve. In front of the monument is the pearl of the square – the stunning Notre-Dame Basilica, built during the 19th century by a Protestant architect. The square also represents Montreal's first skyscraper, eight-floor New York Life Building completed in 1888; this building had the city's first elevator. Other steel skyscrapers – Royal Trust Bank and Duluth – appeared around the Place in the second decade of the 20th century. The Art Deco style is represented by eloquent Aldred building, 1929, with its setbacks designed to ensure natural lighting for the streets below. National Bank of Canada tower is also situated at Place D'Armes and is almost the sole example of the international post-war style in Old Montreal. Place D'Armes is a favourite destination of every tourist who comes to visit a beautiful city of Montreal. ■



Marta BASYSTIUK

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Dr. Taras Fecycz Scholarship recipient

2016 Intern to **Bob Bratina**, MP for Hamilton East–Stoney Creek, Ontario. Born and raised in Hamilton, Bob Bratina is of Serbian and Croatian ancestry. After 40 years in broadcasting, Bob Bratina entered municipal politics in 2004 and has served the citizens of Hamilton for over a decade – most notably as Mayor since 2010. As Mayor, Bob set Hamilton on the path of growth and sound public finances; he has worked fiercely to create new jobs for his citizens by welcoming manufacturing facilities and R&D companies into the city. And as a member of the GO Transit Board of Directors, Bob was instrumental in securing funding for infrastructure projects that improved train service for Hamilton commuters. Bob is a member of the Football Reporters of Canada Hall of Fame, holder of two Queen’s Jubilee Medals for lifetime community achievement, and was also named Hamilton Mountain Citizen of the Year in 2002. A talented musician and avid marathon runner, Bob has performed on stage with the Hamilton Philharmonic Orchestra, and competed in 18 marathons, twice in the famed Boston Marathon, and ten times in the 30 K Around the Bay Road Race, all past the age of 40. He and his wife Carol have been married for 48 years, and have a son Sam who is a police officer of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

Foreign languages: English, French, Russian.

Last book read: John Grisham “The Litigators”.

Favourite quote by Ukrainian author: “Сьогодні усе для тебе – / Озера, гаї, степи. / І жити спішити треба, / Кохати спішити треба – / Гляди ж не проспий!” – Василь Симоненко.

Favourite quote by foreign author: “Do what you can, with what you have, where you are” – Theodore Roosevelt.

Favourite musical recording: Sting “Desert Rose”.

Outstanding landmark or architecture in Canada: **Royal Alexandra Interprovincial Bridge** is a steel truss cantilever bridge spanning the Ottawa River between Ottawa Ontario and Gatineau, Quebec. It was built in nine months from 1899 to 1900 and officially opened as the Interprovincial Bridge on 1901. The name was changed later to commemorate a Royal Visit by the soon to be King George V and his wife Alexandra. The bridge is an ideal place to get a fantastic view of both provinces. ■



Daria BATALOVA

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National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy (est. 1615) Faculty of Social Sciences and Social Technologies.

Mykhailo Kotsiubynsky Vinnytsia State Pedagogical University (est. 1912) Faculty of Foreign Languages

2011-2012 **Future Leaders Exchange (FLEX)**

Program alumna.

Atamanchuk Family CUPP Scholarship recipient
2016 Intern to **Christine Moore**, MP for Abitibi–Témiscamingue, Quebec. Christine was born and raised in La Sarre, Quebec. She earned a diploma of college studies in nursing from the Cégep de l’Abitibi–Témiscamingue in 2008 and a B.Sc. in nursing from the Université du Québec en Abitibi–Témiscamingue (UQAT) in 2010. She completed a one-month humanitarian internship in Senegal as part of her nursing degree at UQAT in 2009, and she served with the Canadian Forces for over three years. She is also a member of Nurses Without Borders. She was elected as the Member of Parliament for Abitibi–Témiscamingue, Quebec for the New Democratic Party during the 2011 Canadian federal election. In 2015, Christine Moore was re-elected. In January 2015, she was appointed Deputy Critic for Health for the NDP. In February 2016, Christine Moore was elected to the executive committee of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association as a Vice-Chair. Since April 18, 2016 Christine Moore is a Vice-Chair of the Canadian Association of Parliamentarians on Population and Development. Christine Moore gave birth during the election campaign in 2015. She has been pushing for more resources for MPs with newborns since she came back to Parliament in fall in 2015: high chairs were put in parliamentary cafeteria, the Commons Board of Internal Economy also changed the name of the “spouses lounge” near the Commons Chamber to “family room” to better accom-



Christine Moore

moderate the changing demographics of the House.

Foreign languages: English, Russian, German (intermediate).

Last read book: Regina Brett "God never blinks".

Favourite quote by Ukrainian author: "Живе той, хто не живе для себе, хто для других виборює життя" – Василь Симоненко.

Favourite quote by foreign author: "Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world" – Nelson Mandela.

My favourite musical recording: Skryabin "The places of happy people".

Outstanding landmark or architecture in Canada: Rideau Canal consists of a series of beautiful lakes and rivers connected by canals. It stretches from Kingston, at the foot of Lake Ontario, to Ottawa. The Rideau Canal is living history. It is the oldest continuously operated canal in North America. It was opened in 1832 as a precaution in case of war with the United States. It remains in use today primarily for pleasure boating, with most of its original structures intact, operated by Parks Canada. ■



Alina BUGAR



Mark Warawa

Born in: Oleksandriia, Ukraine

Hometown: Kyiv, Ukraine

Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv (est. 1834) Institute of International Relations, Master's program "International Relations". Motto of University: "Utility, Honor and Glory".

Alexander and Irene Hordienko CUPP Scholarship recipient.

2016 Intern to **Mark Warawa**, MP for Langley–Aldergrove, British Columbia. Mark was re-elected on October 19, 2015 to the 42nd Canadian Parliament for his fifth term as Member of Parliament for the new riding of Langley–Aldergrove. He was appointed as the Official Opposition Critic for Seniors and is responsible

for bringing forward seniors' issues at the Shadow Cabinet table and in Parliament. Mark is the longest serving Conservative MP from British Columbia in 42nd Parliament. Mark has the honourable distinction of being the Parliamentary Secretary to four different Ministers of the Environment, from 2006 to 2011. 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. He continues to be consulted on environmental issues. He also continues to build Canada's bilateral relationships through his work as Treasurer of the Canada-Ukraine and Canada-Taiwan Parliamentary Groups, Director for the Canada-Korea and Canada-Israel Parliamentary Groups, and as a Member of the Canada-Europe, Canada-Mexico, Canada-Hong Kong and Canada-China Parliamentary Groups. Mark was with Prime Minister Harper on an official State visit to Ukraine in 2010. He also led a Canadian Parliamentary delegation to Taiwan in 2011. In 2014, he was on a trade delegation to Ukraine, and served as an election observer during the October 2014 Parliamentary elections in Ukraine.

Foreign languages: English, Russian, French.

Last book read: Sheryl Sandberg "Lean In"

Favourite quote by Ukrainian author: "Світло бачиться тоді, коли світло в очах є" – Григорій Сковорода.

Favourite quote by foreign author: "The biggest adventure you can ever take is to live the life of your dreams" – Oprah Winfrey.

Favourite musical recording: Kvitka Cisyk "Я піду в далекі гори".

Outstanding landmark or architecture in Canada: Notre-Dame Basilica in Montreal is a real masterpiece of Gothic Revival architecture. It was built between 1824 and 1829. Its interior is grand and colourful: ceiling is coloured deep blue and decorated with golden stars. Paintings, sculptures and stained-glass windows in Basilica illustrate biblical passages as well as 350 years of parish history. ■



**Mykyta DRAKOKHRUST****David Yurdiga**

Born in: Ternopil, Ukraine

Hometown: Toronto, Ontario, Canada

Ryerson University (est. in 1948) Department of Politics and Governance. Motto of the University: MENTE ET ARTIFICIO – With Mind and Skill.

Nanyang Technological University (est. in 1991). Department of Human Social Sciences.

Mazurenko Family Scholarship recipient

2016 Intern to **David Yurdiga**, MP for Fort McMurray – Cold Lake, Alberta. David Yurdiga is the Conservative Candidate for Fort-McMurray – Cold Lake. He was born in Northern Alberta and spent most of his youth on his family farm in Grassland. Upon the completion of his post secondary, David began his employment with Eco-Bay Mine in Nunavut. After some time spent away from his family, he chose to return to Alberta and work with Occupational Health and Safety at a Mines Inspection Branch where he wrote, and published safety training manuals. Later in life, David became a successful entrepreneur by opening a consulting firm specializing primarily in property management. Upon retirement, David later began his political career when he was elected to the municipal council of Athabasca County in 2007. He continued on by successfully becoming a Reeve from 2009 to 2013. In June of 2014, David was elected as a Member of Parliament for Fort McMurray – Athabasca, and later re elected in the redistributed riding of Fort McMurray – Cold Lake. As an elected official, he sat on both the Transport, and Canadian Heritage committees. Besides politics David has been a very active member of the community where he advocated for his constituents, as co-chair of the Alberta Energy Corridor, and a Chair for both the Athabasca Regional Multiplex, and Aspen Regional Water Commission. He has also served on the Board for Tawatinaw Community Futures and Physician Recruitment Committee for Athabasca, and a full member of a provincial Metis organisation. For his work in the community David was awarded the Canadian

Queen Jubilee Medallion. Being a lifelong resident and business owner in northeastern Alberta, David has a strong understanding of the individual needs and interests of each town and community in Fort McMurray–Athabasca.

Foreign languages: English, Russian.

Last book read: Dale Carnegie “How to Win Friends & Influence People”.

Favourite quote by Ukrainian author: "Учітесь, читайте, і чужому научайтесь, й свого не цурайтесь" (Т. Шевченко) (“Study, read, and learn from others, but never forget your own”).

Favourite quote by foreign author: To improve is to change; to be perfect is to change often (Winston Churchill). Change is the law of life. And those who look only to the past or present are certain to miss the future (John F. Kennedy).

Outstanding landmark or architecture in Canada: **Queens Park** is Ontario’s fourth legislative building that was named in honour of Queen Victoria. The legislative building is over 120 years old, first opening in 1893. It is located to the northeast of the city and is landscaped according to a picturesque design, enclosed in the ground of the University of Toronto. The building is leased from the university for 999 years. It serves as the seating place for the Ontario provincial government. Just like its history in political matters, the legislative building was nearly destroyed by a fire in 1909, which destroyed the interior of the edifice, including the library and all of its public records. ■

**Oleh FEDAY****Kate Young**

Born in: Lviv, Ukraine

Hometown: Toronto, Ontario

York University (est. 1959) Faculty of Arts

Ramon Hnatyshyn CUPP Scholarship recipient
2016 Intern to **Kate Young**, MP for London West, Ontario. Kate represents the electoral district of London

West as a member of the Liberal party. Prior to being elected, Ms. Young was best known as the first female news anchor at CFPL-TV where she worked for almost 20 years. She is presently Manager of Public Affairs at the Thames Valley District School Board, serves on the Fanshawe College Board of Governors and is Co-Chair of the Ability First Coalition. Young defeated Conservative incumbent Ed Holder, who served as Minister of State, Science and Technology for the past year, to return the party to Liberal red. Young's victory, with 45.8% of the vote, came four years after Holder easily won the riding, also winning 45 per cent of the vote.

Foreign languages: English, French, Russian.

Last book read: Ayn Rand "Atlas Shrugged".

Favourite quote by Ukrainian author: "І вам слава, сині гори, Кригою окуті. І вам, лицарі великі, Богом не забуті. Боріться — поборете! Вам бог помагає! За вас правда, за вас слава І воля свята!" – Тарас Шевченко.

Favourite quote by foreign author: "Success is a science; if you have the conditions, you get the result" – Oscar Wilde.

Favourite musical recording: "Four Seasons" Vivaldi.

Outstanding landmark or architecture in Canada: **Saguenay Fjord National Park** is a national park located in Quebec, Canada. In this park you feel one with nature. Animals that can be found in the park's forests include wolves, black bears, lynx, beavers, and moose. It is truly majestic. ■



Sofiya-Roksolana GOT

Born in: Lviv, Ukraine

Hometown: Lviv, Ukraine

Danylo Halytsky Lviv National Medical University (est. 1784),

James Maloney

Dental Faculty, PhD program in prosthetic dentistry. Ivan Franko National University of Lviv (est. 1661) Faculty of Foreign Languages, Department of German Language and Literature (Distant Learning). Motto of University: Educated Citizens – Glory of the Motherland.

2007-2008 Future Leaders Exchange (FLEX)

Program alumna, Virginia, United States.

Walter Surma Tarnopolsky CUPP Scholarship recipient

2016 Intern to **James Maloney**, MP for Etobicoke–Lakeshore, Ontario. James Maloney is a Canadian lawyer and politician, who was elected to the House of Commons of Canada in the 2015 election. He represents the electoral district of Etobicoke–Lakeshore as a member of the Liberal Party caucus. He was born in Thunder Bay, Ontario. J. Maloney has law degrees from the University of Windsor and University of Wales, Cardiff, as well as a BA from Bishop's University. He was campaign manager for Toronto City Councillor Mark Grimes in the 2010 municipal election, [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/James_Maloney_\(lawyer\)–cite_note-cbc-4](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/James_Maloney_(lawyer)–cite_note-cbc-4) and was later appointed to city council in 2014 to represent Ward 5 (Etobicoke–Lakeshore) as interim councillor following the resignation of Peter Milczyn from the council. Prior to his election, Maloney worked as a lawyer with Hughes Amys LLP, and as president of the Liberal Party's electoral district association in Etobicoke–Lakeshore.

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

Last book read: Sheryl Sandberg "Lean In: Women, Work, and the Will to Lead".

Favourite quote by Ukrainian author: "І все на світі треба пережити. / І кожен фініш - це, по суті, старт. / І наперед не треба ворожити, / і за минулим плакати не варт" – Ліна Костенко. "Нам треба жити кожним / днем. Не ждять омріяної / дати. Горіть сьогоднішнім / вогнем, / Бо «потім» може й не настати" – Ліна Костенко.

Favourite quote by foreign author: "Only those who go too far can possibly find out how far one can go" – T. S. Eliot.

Favourite musical recording: Rachael Yamagata "Over And Over".

Outstanding landmark or architecture in Canada: **Toronto Harbour** or Toronto Bay is a bay on the north shore of Lake Ontario, in Toronto, Ontario, Canada. It is a natural harbour, protected from Lake Ontario waves by the Toronto Islands. Today, the harbour is used primarily for recreational boating, including personal vessels and pleasure boats providing scenic or

party cruises. Ferries travel from docks on the mainland to the Islands, and cargo ships deliver aggregates and raw sugar to industries located in the harbour. Historically, the harbour has been used for military vessels, passenger traffic and cargo traffic. ■



Iryna GRECHKO



Jamie Schmale

Born in: Dnipro, Ukraine

Hometown: Dnipro, Ukraine

National Mining University of Ukraine (est. 1899) Faculty of Electrical Engineering, Bachelor of Linguistics. Motto of University: "National Mining University – Moving with the Times".

Dopomoha Ukraini Foundation CUPP Scholarship recipient

2016 Intern to **Jamie Schmale**, MP for Haliburton–Kawartha Lakes–Brock, Ontario. Prior to entering politics, Jamie attended Fenelon Falls High School and Loyalist College, graduating from the Radio Broadcasting program. Jamie started his career as News Anchor and later News Director for CHUM Media. Covering news, municipal politics, and sports for 91.9FM Radio CKLY in Lindsay, Jamie covered the horrific attacks of 9/11, the blackout of 2003, and the amalgamation of the 16 municipalities of Victoria County into what is now the single-tier City of Kawartha Lakes. Raised in Bobcaygeon, he now calls Lindsay his home with his wife, Julia (since 2003), and his 3-year-old son, Declan. A local professional, husband, father, and volunteer, Jamie is actively involved in local sports both as a cheering dad to Declan and as the referee assignor for Minor Hockey. He is the go-to guy when it comes to being the Master of Ceremonies for fundraising campaigns and committees, including: the Victoria County United Way, Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Victoria–Haliburton, Easter Seals, Community Care, Kawartha Lakes Fire Chief's

Annual Ball, Kawartha Lakes Awareness Fair, the Multiple Sclerosis Walk, Lindsay Can-ada Day, COKL Awareness Fair, the Vancouver 2010 Olympic Torch Relay, and the Lindsay EX parade committee.

Foreign languages: English, Russian, German.

Last book read: Ryszard Kapuściński "Imperium".

Favourite quote by Ukrainian author: "Не дивіться на Україну, як на землю своїх батьків. Дивіться на неї, як на землю своїх дітей. І тоді прийдуть зміни..." – Svyatoslav Vakarchuk.

Favourite quote by foreign author: "Life is never made unbearable by circumstances, but only by lack of meaning and purpose" – Viktor Frankl.

Favourite musical recordings: Coldplay "Paradise", Океан Ельзи "На небі", Noel Gallagher (Oasis) "Wonderwall" and "Whatever", Ludovico Einaudi "Fly".

Outstanding landmark or architecture in Canada: **Prince Edward Island** is one of four Atlantic provinces located on Canada's east coast. The Island is crescent-shaped and resembles a cradle, thus the Mi'kmaq name of Abegweit, which means "the land cradled on the waves." Our rich culture and heritage offer much to be seen and explored and our warm hospitality sets us apart. The green pastoral landscape and water views make our Island way of life unique. They also allow us to produce some of the tastiest food experiences found globally. And our miles of sandy beaches are some of the best in the world. ■



Evelina IBRAIMOVA



Hon. Jason Kenney

Born in: Yalta, Ukraine

Hometown: Kyiv, Ukraine

Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv, Ukraine (est. 1834) Institute of International Relations, Bachelor of International Relations with honours. Motto of University: "Utility, Honour and Glory".

William and Antonina Bazylewicz CUPP Scholarship recipient

2016 Intern to the **Hon. Jason Kenney**, MP for Calgary Midnapore, Alberta. As President of the Canadian Taxpayers Federation, Jason Kenney fought hard for lower taxes and fiscal responsibility. In 1997, Calgary voters elected him for the first time as a Member of Parliament. Since then, he's been voted the "best overall," "hardest working," and "most knowledgeable" MP by his colleagues, and called "perhaps Canada's best immigration minister ever" by the National Post. As Minister of Employment and Social Development, he re-tooled training programs and implemented the Canada Job Grant to connect Canadians with good-paying jobs. He served Canada's Armed Forces as the Minister of National Defence in 2015, while continuing his work with multicultural communities across Canada. He also chaired the Cabinet Operations Committee, and served as the Regional Minister for Southern Alberta. In 2015, Jason was re-elected with nearly 67% of the vote. He hopes to continue serving his constituents in the new riding of Calgary Midnapore, and to keep working for a Canada that is strong and free.

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

Last book read: Isabel Allende "La casa de los espíritus".

Favourite quote by Ukrainian author: "Where one sees a puddle, another sees stars" (Один бачить калюжу, другий – зорі) – Oleksandr Dovzhenko.

Favourite quote by foreign author: "Whatever you are, be a good one" – Abraham Lincoln.

Favourite musical recordings: Joe Arroyo "No le Pegue a la Negra".

Outstanding landmark or architecture in Canada: Commissioners Park – Ottawa Tulip Festival. Since 1953, the Canadian Tulip Festival has been celebrating the legacy of the tulip, Ottawa's flower, which symbolizes the strong bonds of friendship between Canada and the Netherlands, forged in Canada's role in the Liberation of the Netherlands during the Second World War. During the Nazi occupation of the Netherlands, the Dutch royal family found asylum in Ottawa. The family stayed at Stornoway – now the official residence of the Leader of the Opposition. As a token of gratitude, once the war ended, the Dutch sent to Ottawa hundreds of thousands of tulip bulbs. Ever since, Ottawa has found itself flooded with their dazzling blossom during springtime. Commissioners Park is one of the locations where Ottawa Tulip Festival – ranked the world's largest tulip festival – is held every May. ■



Mariia IHNATOVA



Jim Eglinski

Born in: Duliby, Stryi Raion, Lviv Oblast, Ukraine

Hometown: Lviv, Ukraine

Ivan Franko National University of Lviv (est. 1661) Law Faculty, LL.B., Master's program "Justice and Judicial Administration". Motto of University: "Patriae decori civibus educandis" (Educated citizens – Glory of the Motherland).

Petro Sahaidachnyi Military Academy (est. 1899) Lieutenant (junior grade) (LTJG), Military Psychology
Motto of University: "Honour, Ukraine, Courage".

Mazurenko Family CUPP Scholarship recipient

2016 Intern to **Jim Eglinski**, MP for Yellowhead, Alberta. Jim Eglinski is currently a resident of Yellowhead County, who was born and raised in Alberta. At the age of 19 he joined the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, and completed 35 years of service in the Province of British Columbia. Following his retirement he continued his public service by serving two terms on Council for the City of Fort St. John, B.C. Jim also worked for British Columbia in Coroner's Services, Taxation Department and Gaming Branch as a Special Investigator. Jim won the by-election in November 2014 and was re-elected to the House of Commons in October 2015. Jim is presently Vice-Chair of the Standing Committee on the Environment and Sustainable Development. In the 41st Parliament, he served on two committees: Standing Committee on Human Resources, Skills and Social Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities (HUMA) and, the Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration (CIMM). Jim and his wife Nancy returned home to Alberta and chose Yellowhead to be near family and in particular their young grandchildren. Throughout his career, Jim has always taken an active interest in a variety of service clubs and organizations. His natural leadership abilities enabled him to act as the President of most of those organizations. His interest in aircraft led him to achieve a Commercial Pilots' license. Other interests include classic car restoration and RV-

ing.

Foreign languages: English, Polish (basic).

Last book read: Victor Frankl "Man's Search for Meaning".

Favourite quote by Ukrainian author: "Живе той, хто не живе для себе, хто для других виборює життя" – Василь Симоненко.

Favourite quote by foreign author: "Now is the most important moment of your life, not yesterday, not tomorrow" – David Desrosiers (Simple Plan bass player).

Favourite musical recording: Bring Me the Horizon "Throne".

Outstanding landmark or architecture in Canada:

Yellowhead Pass is a mountain pass across the Continental Divide of the Americas in the Canadian Rockies. It is located on the provincial boundary between the Canadian provinces of Alberta and British Columbia, and lies within Jasper National Park and Mount Robson Provincial Park. It is believed that the pass was named for Pierre Bostonais (nicknamed Tête Jaune, French for "yellow head", because of his blond hair), an Iroquois-Métis trapper employed as a guide by the Hudson's Bay Company. Bostonais led one of the first expeditions for the company to what is now the interior of B.C. through the pass in 1820. ■



Halyna KAPLAN

Born in: Kyiv, Ukraine

Hometown: Kyiv, Ukraine

Örebro University (est. 1977) School of Humanities, Education and Social Sciences, MA in Global Journalism.

Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv (est. 1834) Institute of Journalism. Motto of University: "Корисність, честь та слава" (Utility, Honour and Glory; Utilitas Honour et Gloria).

University of Connecticut (est. 1881) College of



Don Rusnak

Liberal Arts and Sciences, UNESCO Leadership Training Program.

Visby Scholarship recipient, Sweden

Myroslawa and John Yaremko CUPP Scholarship recipient.

2016 Intern to **Don Rusnak**, MP for Thunder Bay–Rainy River, Ontario. Born and raised in Northwestern Ontario, Don Rusnak has deep roots in Thunder Bay–Rainy River, and as the proud son of Ukrainian and Anishinaabe (Ojibway) parents, he understands the diverse and pressing issues facing his community. Don has volunteered his time with many organizations, such as the Ontario Justice Education Network and the Martin Aboriginal Education Initiative – a group which improves elementary and secondary school education outcomes for Aboriginal Canadians through the implementation of specific programs and the application of appropriate research. Don studied Political Science and Integrated Forest Resource Management at Lakehead University. In 2001, Don attended the University of Manitoba, Robson Hall Faculty of Law, and during his final year, attended Osgoode Hall Law School to study in the Intensive Program in Aboriginal Lands, Resources and Governments.

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

Last book read: Donna Tartt "The Goldfinch".

Favourite quote by Ukrainian author: "Вкраїна – це море. Воно червоне. Хто сам – потоне, в гурті – переборе" – Лазар Баранович.

Favourite quote by foreign author: "I have no special talent. I am only passionately curious" – Albert Einstein.

Favourite music recording: Dakha Brakha "Specially for you", Oleh Skrypka "Vesna".

Outstanding landmark or architecture in Canada: **Omega Park** is a safari park in Quebec, Canada. It is home to much wildlife including moose, bears, raccoons, and wolves. The park is a drive-through experience, meaning visitors stay in their cars and drive through the park on a winding trail. Visitors are allowed to feed animals throughout the tour, as they come up to a visitor's car for treats. This a unique way to see and experience Canada's fantastic wildlife and nature. ■



**Svitlana KISILOVA****Ben Lobb**

Born in: Svaliava, Zakarpattia Oblast, Ukraine
Hometown: Kyiv, Ukraine
National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy (est. 1615) Faculty of Social Science, Master of Sociology with honours. Motto of University: “Tempus fugit, Academia sempiterna” (Час плинний, Академія вічна).

Senator Raynell Andreychuk CUPP Scholarship recipient

2016 Intern to **Ben Lobb**, MP for Huron–Bruce, Ontario. Ben Lobb was first elected to the House of Commons in 2008. He was sworn in as the Member of Parliament for Huron–Bruce on October 30th, 2008. He was reelected again in May 2011 and October 2015. In the 41st Parliament Ben served as Chair of the Standing Committee on Health. Ben is the former Chair of the Government Auto Caucus, a member of the Rural, Mining, Housing and Nuclear Caucus. He has also been a member of the Standing Committee on Human Resources, Skills, Social Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities, Public Safety and National Security, Veterans Affairs and Agriculture and Agri-Food.

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

Last book read: Zadie Smith “White Teeth”.

Favourite quote by Ukrainian author: “Ліпше вмерти біжучи, ніж жити гниючи” – Іван Багряний.

Favourite quote by foreign author: “Be the change that you wish to see in the world” – Mahatma Gandhi.

Favourite musical recording: all songs by Ukrainian band “Boombbox” (“Бумбокс”).

Outstanding landmark or architecture in Canada: **Pink Lake** is Gatineau Park’s most unique lake because it is “meromictic.” Despite its name, the lake is green. It is named after the Pink family which settled the land in 1826. The lake’s turquoise colour, the surrounding cliffs and the dense and varied nearby forest make this a charming site. ■

**Bohdan KIT****Harold Albrecht**

Born in: Dnipro, Ukraine
Hometown: Zbarazh, Ukraine

Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv (est. 1834) Institute of International Relations, Department of International Law. Motto of University: “Utilitas honor et Gloria” (Корисність, Честь та Слава).

Cathy Obal CUPP Scholarship recipient
 2016 Intern to **Harold Albrecht**, MP for Kitchener–Conestoga, Ontario. Harold Albrecht is a proud lifelong resident of the riding of Kitchener–Conestoga. He attended Waterloo–Oxford District Secondary School and Waterloo Lutheran University (now Wilfrid Laurier University), before going on to the University of Toronto; attaining his Doctorate of Dental Surgery (DDS) in 1973. He returned to Waterloo Region, opening a dental practice and operating it successfully for 27 years. Before entering public service, Harold was an active member of the community, both locally and globally. He served as a Trustee for the Waterloo County Board of Education from 1978 to 1982, and as Chair in 1981–82. He was founding Pastor at Pathway Community Church in south Kitchener, and served there for six years. In remote parts of Honduras and the Dominican Republic, Harold lent his professional skills to numerous relief efforts organized by the Christian Medical–Dental Society. Far too often, these visits by nurses, surgeons, dentists and ophthalmologists would provide the only medical service a village could access for months. Other international service assignments brought him to diverse countries such as Venezuela, Colombia, Zambia, Nepal, and India. Harold was first elected to the House of Commons in 2006, narrowly defeating incumbent Lynn Myers. In the subsequent election of October 2008, Harold was re-elected with 49.2% of votes cast. In November of 2008, Prime Minister Stephen Harper named Harold Deputy Government Whip, and re-appointed him subsequent to the May 2nd 2011 election. In January 2013, Harold was unanimously elected Chair of the House of Commons’

Standing Committee on the Environment and Sustainable Development. Harold is active in a number of Caucuses devoted to facilitating better understanding of specific sectors and causes. These include the Auto Caucus, the Energy Caucus, the Rural Caucus, and the Pro-Life Caucus. Harold also founded the Bio Caucus and is a co-founder of the Post-Secondary Education Caucus and the Parliamentary Committee on Palliative & Compassionate Care. He was also Chair of the Canada-Armenia Parliamentary Friendship Group and the Chemistry Caucus. Harold is the father of 3 married children and 9 grandchildren. He lives in Kitchener with his wife Darlene.

Foreign languages: English, Italian, Russian.

Last Ukrainian author read: Vasyl Shkliar “Zalyshenets, Chorny Voron”.

Last foreign author read: Simon Sinek “Start with Why”.

Favourite quote by Ukrainian author: “Україна – не бідна країна, вона просто пограбована” (Ukraine is not a poor country, it is just robbed) – Роман Скрипін (Roman Skrypyn).

Favourite quote by foreign author: “There is nothing noble in being superior to your fellow man; true nobility is being superior to your former self” – Ernest Hemingway.

Favourite musical recording: Yann Tiersen “Compétence d'un autre été: L'Après-Midi”.

Outstanding landmark or architecture in Canada: **Château Frontenac** is a grand hotel in Quebec City, Quebec, Canada, which is operated as Fairmont Le Château Frontenac. Château Frontenac is situated at an elevation of 54 m (177 ft). It was designated a National Historic Site of Canada in 1980. Prior to the building of the hotel, the site was occupied by the Château 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, largely for its prominence in the skyline of Quebec City. ■



Volodymyr KOBRYN

Born in: Lutsk, Ukraine

Hometown: Lutsk, Ukraine

University of Economics in

Bratislava (est. 1940) Faculty of International Relations, Master's degree in International Management.



Cathay Wagantall

National Technical University of Ukraine “Kyiv Polytechnic Institute” (est. 1898) Faculty of Management and Marketing, Master's degree in International Economics.

Lutsk National Technical University (est. 1966) Business Faculty, Bachelor's degree in International Economics.

Lublin University of Technology, Poland (est. 1953) Erasmus exchange program.

Lehigh University (est. 1865) Global Village for Future Leaders of Business and Industry program (full tuition scholarship).

Humeniuk Family CUPP Scholarship recipient 2016 Intern to **Cathay Wagantall**, MP for Yorkton–Melville, Saskatchewan. Born in the Queen City – Regina, Saskatchewan. Completed 3 years of a 4-year Bachelor of Science, Physical Education program with top honours at the University of Saskatchewan. Her political experience began in 2004 on the first Conservative Party of Canada board of directors for Edmonton-Mill Woods-Beaumont where she gained valuable experience as election readiness chair, president and financial agent. After running to be the Conservative candidate in Edmonton-Strathcona and losing by four votes on the 1st ballot, she then worked in M.P. Tim Uppal's Edmonton–Sherwood Park constituency office until March of 2011. Cathay served four terms as a member of M.P. Garry Breitkreuz's electoral district association in Yorkton–Melville. Upon his announcement in April 2014 that he would not be running in the 2015 federal election, Ca-

they made the decision to run for the nomination. She won on the first ballot. On October 19, 2015, Cathay was elected Member of Parliament for the federal constituency of Yorkton-Melville, Saskatchewan. One month later, Official Opposition Leader Rona Ambrose appointed Cathay deputy critic for Veterans Affairs. Her genuine desire to serve others, her ability to bring consensus where possible and tolerance where necessary and her passionate love of life and country are all attributes she brings to her job in Ottawa.

Foreign languages: English, Polish, Slovak, German.

Last Ukrainian author read: Lina Kostenko "Notes of a Ukrainian madman".

Last foreign author read: Malcolm Gladwell "Outliers: The story of success".

Favourite quote by Ukrainian author: "Немає нічого страшнішого за необмежену владу в руках обмеженої людини" (There is nothing worse than unlimited power in the hands of a limited man) – Василь Симоненко.

Favourite quote by foreign author: "Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter" – Martin Luther King Jr.

Favourite musical recordings: Deep Purple "Smoke on the water".

Outstanding landmark or architecture in Canada: **Vegreville Egg** is a giant sculpture of a pysanka, a Ukrainian-style Easter egg. The work by Paul Maxum Sembaliuk is 31 ft (9 m) long and three and a half stories high, weighing in at 2.5 t (5,512 lb). It is the second largest pysanka in the world.[2] The biggest one was built in Kolomyia, Ukraine. The sculpture was commissioned by the town of Vegreville, in the Canadian province of Alberta noted for its high Ukrainian Canadian population. In order to obtain funding for it, the town applied for a federal government grant and was eventually able to obtain some funding, but only if the sculpture was dedicated to the 1975 centennial of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. Vegreville received a grant to construct the egg, a nod at Ukrainian culture in Canada, and specifically at early Ukrainian settlements east of Edmonton. ■



Sviatoslav KOKHAN



Hon. Mary-Ann Mihychuk

Born in: Dnipro, Ukraine

Hometown: Kyiv, Ukraine

National University of Ostroh Academy (est. 1576) Faculty of International Relations. Motto of University: "Сучасна освіта через досвід століть" (Contemporary education through the wisdom of ages).

Vasyl Kereliuk CUPP Scholarship recipient

2016 Intern to the **Hon. MaryAnn Mihychuk**, MP for Kildonan–St. Paul, Manitoba. MaryAnn Mihychuk is a former school trustee, geoscientist and founder of organizations promoting women in the minerals exploration and mining sector, she is one of two Winnipeg MPs in cabinet. Ms. Mihychuk also comes with deep political experience as an NDP member of the Manitoba Legislature for nine years and minister in the former Gary Doer government – responsible for intergovernmental affairs and industry, trade and mines. In 2014, she switched to the Liberal Party, likening Justin Trudeau's vision on the economy, jobs and innovation to the centrist policies of the Manitoba governments in which she served. Mihychuk now serves as Federal Minister of Employment, Workforce Development and Labour.

Foreign languages: English, Russian.

Last Ukrainian author read: Дмитро Ярош "Нація і Революція" (Dmytro Yarosh "The Nation and Revolution").

Last foreign author read: Brad Stone "Jeff Bezos and the Age of Amazon".

Favourite quote by Ukrainian author: "І тільки тих поважають мільйони, хто поважає мільйони "я" – Василь Симоненко ("And only those are respected by millions, who respect the millions of "I" – Vasyl Symonenko).

Favourite quote by foreign author: Nelson Mandela "After climbing a great hill, one only finds that there are many more hills to climb".

Favourite music recording: Tim McMorris "New Year's Song".

Outstanding landmark or architecture in Canada:

Pacific Rim National Park Reserve is a Canadian national park reserve in British Columbia comprising three separate regions: Long Beach, the Broken Group Islands, and the West Coast Trail. The reserve is characterized by rugged coasts and lush temperate rainforests. Every season has its special attraction, such as storm watching in the fall and winter – whale watching especially in the spring and summer – bear watching especially in the summer and fall – and kayaking, surfing and hiking year round. The west coast enjoys a warm climate due to the Pacific Ocean that influences every mood and view. It is hard to find a more wonderful place in Canada than the west coast of Vancouver Island. ■



Nazar KOMNATSKYY



Shannon Stubbs

Born in: Ivano-Frankivsk, Ukraine

Hometown: Lviv, Ukraine

University of Warsaw (est. 1816) Faculty of Journalism and Political Science, Institute of International Relations, Undergraduate Program in International Relations

University of Kent (est. 1965) School of Politics and International Relations. Motto of University: "Cui servire regnare est".

Malanchuk Family CUPP Scholarship recipient 2016 Intern to **Shannon Stubbs**, MP for Lakeland, Alberta. Shannon has a diverse professional background spanning the private, not for profit, political and public sectors, at both federal and provincial jurisdictions. She worked as a senior consultant with Hill&Knowlton Canada in Edmonton. Shannon also held a position in Alberta's public service in both the Departments of Energy and Economic Development. In the Oil Sands Business Unit, Shannon provided policy development, research and communications support, led the organization of a series of public-private workshops on transportation infrastructure, labour needs, royalties and

taxation, First Nations relations, environmental stewardship in Alberta's oil sands regions, and value-added and hydrocarbon upgrading development, and participated in cross-departmental committees. Shannon also has significant experience in federal and provincial politics, having worked in senior roles for members of Parliament and members of the Legislative Assembly. While completing a Combined Honours Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and English at the University of Alberta, Shannon interned in then federal Opposition Leader Preston Manning's Ottawa office in research and communications. Shannon then worked in the constituency office of former Beaver River and Edmonton North Member of Parliament Deborah Grey. Shannon has lived in Lakeland most of her life. Raised on a farm near Chipman, Shannon and her husband Shayne reside on the family farm near Two Hills. When she isn't advocating on behalf of her constituents, Shannon volunteers with various organizations and spends time with family, friends and her and Shayne's five horses. Shannon has been a lifelong community volunteer, and active in 4-H, Christmas Hamper drives, the Alberta Homeless Count, therapeutic riding for people with disabilities, various equestrian events and many political campaigns. Shannon was elected to the 42nd Parliament of Canada where she holds the position of Her Majesty's Deputy Critic for Natural Resources.

Foreign languages: English, Polish, Russian, Arabic (basic), German (basic).

Last book read: David McCullough "The Wright Brothers".

Favourite quote by Ukrainian author: "Дух, що тіло рве до бою / Рве за поступ, щастя й волю / – Він живе, він ще не вмер" – Іван Франко.

Favourite quote by foreign author: "Vision without action is just a dream. Action without vision just passes the time. Vision with action can change the world" – Joel A. Barker

Favourite musical recording: Mumford & Sons "Little Lion Man".

Outstanding landmark or architecture in Canada: **Moraine Lake** is a glacially-fed lake of the 0.5 square kilometers surface in the Valley of the Ten Peaks. It stands at an elevation of 1,885 meters. The area around the lake has several walking and hiking trails, which contain critical bear habitat where a concentration of female grizzlies live and raise their cubs. The view of the mountains behind the lake in Valley of the Ten Peaks is known as the Twenty Dollar View, as Moraine Lake was featured on the reverse side of the 1969 and 1979 issues of the Canadian twenty-dollar bill. ■



Khrystyna KOSHULYNSKA

Born in: Bytkiv, Ivano-Frankivsk Oblast, Ukraine

Hometown: Lviv, Ukraine

Ivan Franko National University of Lviv (est. 1661)

Faculty of linguistics, MA degree in Ukrainian language. Motto of University: "Patriae Decori Civibus Educandis" (Освічені громадяни – окраса батьківщини; Educated Citizens – Glory of the Motherland).

Catholic University (est. 1929) Humanities faculty. BA degree in History

Motto of University: "Nosce te ipsum" (Пізнай себе; Know Thyself).

University of Oldenburg (est. 1973) Faculty of Slavic studies, Exchange program.. Motto of University: "Offen für neue Wege" (Open for new ways).

Christina Bardyn CUPP Scholarship recipient 2016 Intern to **Julie Dabrusin**, MP for Toronto–Danforth, Ontario. Born and raised in Montreal, and fully bilingual. Dabrusin earned university degrees in law and Middle Eastern studies, and then spent thirteen years as an attorney with Rogers Partners LLP, as well as a year as commission counsel to an inquiry into government procurement. She and her family moved to the Danforth area in 1998. In 2011 she left her legal career to focus on raising her two daughters and participating in various community organizing and charitable activities aimed at promoting and preserving Toronto's public parks. In 2013 Julie was awarded the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal "for her countless volunteer hours organizing numerous annual events that build strong bonds and active participation in Riverdale".

Foreign languages: English, German, Polish, Russian.

Last book read: Ray Bradbery "Fahrenheit 451".

Favourite quote by Ukrainian author: "Хто знає, чого чекає, і вміє чекати, до того все приходить вчасно. Бо немає більшої влади, ніж твоє серце. Себто влада над собою" (Who knows what to

expect and could wait, to him everything arrives on time. There is no greater power than your heart. That is the power over yourself) – М. Дочинець.

Favourite quote by foreign author: "Who controls the past controls the future: who controls the present controls the past" – George Orwell.

Favourite musical recording: Енеї "Біла Тополя".

Outstanding landmark of architecture in Canada: **Rideau Hall** is since 1867 the official residence in Ottawa of both the Canadian monarch and his or her representative, the Governor General of Canada, and has been described as "Canada's house". Most of Rideau Hall is used for state affairs, only 500 m² (5,400 sq ft) of its area being dedicated to private living quarters, while additional areas serve as the offices of the Canadian Heraldic Authority and the principal workplace of the governor general and his or her staff—either the term Rideau Hall, as a metonym, or the formal idiom Government House is employed to refer to this bureaucratic branch. Rideau Hall and the surrounding grounds were designated as a National Historic Site of Canada in 1977. The house is open to the public for guided tours throughout the year; approximately 200,000 visitors tour Rideau Hall annually. ■



OIha KOTLYARSKA

Born in: Kremenets, Ukraine

Hometown: Kyiv, Ukraine

National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy (est. 1615)

Faculty of Law.

Edward Schreyer CUPP Scholarship recipient 2016 Intern to **Ted Falk**, MP for Provencher, Manitoba. Before entering politics, Ted has proven his commitment to the people of Provencher through his many business and volunteer involvements. As the co-owner

of a successful heavy construction company that employs more than 75 people, Ted understands the needs and challenges facing many small and medium sized businesses in the riding. Ted also served as President and Board Chair of the Steinbach Credit Union, the largest credit union in Manitoba with more than \$4 billion in assets. Ted was first elected as a Member of Parliament for Provencher on November 25th, 2013. Currently is also a Voce-chair of Standing Committee on Justice and Human Rights.

Foreign languages: English, Polish, Russian.

Last book read: Gregory David Roberts "Shantaram".

Favourite quote by Ukrainian author: "Не оплакуй ні мрій, ні згадок, загуби своїм прикростям лік. Щастя треба – на всяк випадок. Сили треба – на цілий вік" – Ліна Костенко.

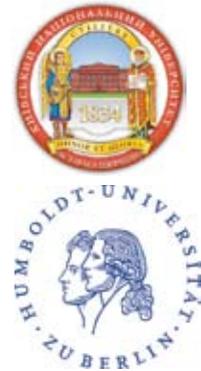
Favourite quote by foreign author: "In the midst of winter, I found there was, within me, an invincible summer. And that makes me happy. For it says that no matter how hard the world pushes against me, within me, there's something stronger – something better, pushing right back" – Albert Camus.

Favourite musical recording: Led Zeppelin "Stairway to Heaven".

Outstanding landmark or architecture in Canada: Sculpture "Equal Before The Law" in Toronto. This sculpture, which has been installed really recently (in 2012), captures immediate attention of the observers walking alongside the Ontario Courthouse. Designed by Toronto artist Eldon Garnet, it portrays the lion and the lamb on the scales. The landmark is very symbolic, as the lamb embodies the poorer, and the weaker, while the lion stands for richness, strength, and power. However, despite the sizes, strength, and other factors, both are equal before the law, both are protected. This bronze sculpture depicts the value of the Canadians, and thus, despite being relatively modern, is a landmark worth seeing in Toronto. ■



Kvitoslava KROTIUK



Bev Shipley

Born in: Kyiv, Ukraine

Hometown: Kyiv, Ukraine

Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv (est. 1834) Faculty of Law. Motto of University: "Utilitas, Honor et Gloria".

Humboldt University of Berlin (est. 1810) Certificate in Mediation and Negotiations. Motto of University: "Universitas litterarum".

2009-2010 **Future Leaders Exchange (FLEX)**

Program alumna

Senator Paul Yuzyk CUPP Scholarship recipient
2016 Intern to **Bev Shipley**, MP for Lambton–Kent–Middlesex, Ontario. Bev Shipley has worked and lived in the riding he represents his entire life. Bev was first elected as the Member of Parliament for Lambton–Kent–Middlesex in 2006 and was re-elected in 2008, 2011 and, most recently, 2015. To the list of his many responsibilities in Ottawa, Bev was pleased to be named Chair of the Agriculture Committee from October 2013 until the dissolution of Parliament in August 2015. With the Conservative Party forming the Official Opposition, Bev has been named Critic for Rural Affairs, a portfolio to which he brings much experience. He also currently sits as Vice-Chair on the Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-food. He has had past membership on the Standing Committee on Industry, Science and Technology; the Standing Committee on Veteran's Affairs; the Standing Committee on Transportation; the Infrastructure Standing Committee; the Standing Committee on Public Accounts and the Standing Committee on International Trade. Bev Shipley is also a founding member of the Rural Caucus, a member of the Auto Caucus and the Energy Caucus. Additionally, Bev sits on the Executive Committees of the Canada-China Legislative Association, and the Canada–Ireland Interparliamentary Group.

Foreign languages: English, Spanish, Turkish (basic), Russian.

Last book read: William Ury, Roger Fisher and Bruce Patton "Getting to YES".

Favourite quote by Ukrainian author: "Віддай людині крихітку себе. За це душа поповнюється світлом" – Ліна Костенко.

Favourite quote by foreign author: "A leader is best when people barely know he exists, when his work is done, his aim fulfilled, they will say: we did it ourselves" – Lao Tzu, "The noblest pleasure is the joy of understanding" – Leonardo da Vinci.

Favourite musical recording: Marvin Gaye & Tammi Terrell "Ain't No Mountain High Enough".

Outstanding landmark or architecture in Canada: **Mount Royal Park** is one of Montreal's largest green spaces. The park was designed by Frederick Law Olmsted, who also co-designed New York's Central Park. Some of the features of the park are Beaver Lake, a small artificial lake, a short ski slope, cross-country skiing trails, a sculpture garden, and Smith House, an interpretive centre. ■



Alina KUIOVDA



Seneca
COLLEGE



David Yurdiga

Born in: Onufriivka, Kirovohrad Oblast, Ukraine

Hometown: Mississauga, Ontario

Seneca College (est. 1967) Social Service Worker: Immigrant and Refugee Program.

Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv (est. 1834) Institute of International Relations; Faculty of International Law.

Humeniuk Family Scholarship recipient

2016 Intern to **David Yurdiga**, MP for Fort McMurray–Cold Lake, Alberta. Born and raised in Northern Alberta David spent most of his youth on the family farm in Grassland. He attended several post-secondary institutions including Northern Alberta Institute of Technology (NAIT), University of Alberta, and Alberta Vocational College. During his summers David spent his

time in Fort McMurray working on the Oil Sands. Upon completion of his post-secondary specialization in mining, David began full time employment with Eco-Bay Mine in Nunavut. While he enjoyed the work, the isolation and time away from family had him return to Alberta and work with Occupational Health and Safety, Mines Inspections Branch where he wrote, and published training manuals. He operated the firm for 21 years specializing mostly in property management. David also opened and operated Lone Wolfe Distributors in Fort McMurray for seven years, providing safety and cleaning supplies to community business. Once he retired, David returned full time to the family farm which had been an integral part of his life. David farmed with his father till his passing in 2005, and then took over the farm, applying the same organic principles to raising beef cattle that his father had done. David entered into politics in 2007 when he was elected to the municipal council of Athabasca County. He later successfully ran for Reeve and served from 2009 to 2013. Besides politics David has been a very active member of the community where he advocated for his constituents, as co-chair of the Alberta Energy Corridor, and a Chair for both the Athabasca Regional Multiplex, and Aspen Regional Water Commission. He has also served on the Board for Tawatinaw Community Futures and Physician Recruitment Committee for Athabasca, and a full member of a provincial Metis organisation. For his work in the community David was awarded the Canadian Queen Jubilee Medallion.

Foreign languages: English, Russian, Italian.

Last book read: Daron Acemoglu, James A. Robinson "Why Nations Fail".

Favourite quote by Ukrainian author: "Хіба хтось сказав тобі, що буде легко? Та хіба ти можеш жити без мети?" – Святослав Вакарчук.

Favourite quote by foreign author: "Sure I am this day we are masters of our fate, that the task which has been set before us is not above our strength; that its pangs and toils are not beyond our endurance. As long as we have faith in our own cause and an unconquerable will to win, victory will not be denied us" – Winston S. Churchill.

Favourite musical recording: Erik Satie "Gnossienne No.1".

Outstanding landmark or architecture in Canada: **Ivan Franko Home for the Aged in Mississauga** is a gorgeous place where Ukrainians can feel as at home. There is an apple and pear garden that brings rich fruits behind the building. Here is a kitchen garden where workers grow nutrient plants that are served at tables. Furthermore, there you can find few tall and

rank walnut-trees that I find rare in Toronto area. It can be explained by the fact that local squirrels gather it faster than anybody else. The interior design of Ivan Franko House is decorated with embroidered towels, fresh-cut flowers and mosaic on the walls. The exterior design presents flowers, wooden statues of men and women and well-groomed fountains. This house is Ukrainian heritage for many who explore ethno-cultural environment and traditions. You can dive into Ukrainian Canadian atmosphere speaking with sociable and hospitable residents. Once you come to Ivan Franko House you will enjoy warmth of countrymen. ■



Roman LOZYNSKY



Borys Wrzesnewskyj

Born in: Lviv, Ukraine

Hometown: Lviv, Ukraine

Ivan Franko National University of Lviv, Ukraine (est. 1661) Faculty of Philosophy, Bachelor of Political Science.

Ukrainian Catholic University (est. 1929) School of Public Management, Master's program in Public Administration.

Michael Starr CUPP Scholarship recipient

2016 Intern to **Borys Wrzesnewskyj**, MP for Etobicoke Centre, Ontario. Born in Etobicoke, Toronto. He is a third generation Ukrainian Canadian, of the Ukrainian Catholic Church. He attended. He received a Bachelor of Commerce from Trinity College, University of Toronto and has been a member of Plast. He is the owner of Future Bakery, founded by his grandparents, and M-C Dairy. Borys Wrzesnewskyj is known for his humanitarian work both in his riding of Etobicoke Centre and abroad, including helping children causes in Ukraine. Through Future Bakery, Wrzesnewskyj was one of the original sponsors of the "Out of the Cold" program to aid the homeless and numerous other charitable organizations working in a num-

ber of Toronto's most challenging neighbourhoods. Wrzesnewskyj was actively involved in the Canadian delegation to the contested Ukrainian election of 2004, Orange Revolution, and has often spoken to Canadian media on its behalf. Then, Canadian Prime Minister, Paul Martin said that he was personally briefed by him to publicly warn Russian President Vladimir Putin "hands off the Ukrainian election" in the House of Commons of Canada which fundamentally shifted Canada's position (Wrzesnewskyj telephoned Martin from Kyiv during the Orange Revolution). In 2015 Borys ran and was elected for the Liberals in the riding of Etobicoke-Centre and now he's serving as Chair of the House of Commons Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration (CIMM). This year Borys Wrzesnewskyj also was elected Chair of the Canada-Ukraine Parliamentary Friendship Group (CUPFG).

Foreign languages: English, German, Russian, Polish (basic).

Last book read: Henry Ford "My life and work".

Favourite quote by Ukrainian author: "Подався доганяти без усякої надії наздогнати, але сміливі завжди мають щастя" – Іван Багрянний.

Favourite quote by foreign author: "If the number of your dreams is bigger than the number of your achievements you are still young" – Shimon Peres.

Favourite musical recording: Bon Jovi "It's my life".

Outstanding landmark or architecture in Canada: **North Shore Mountains** is a mountain range overlooking Vancouver in British Columbia, Canada. Their southernmost peaks are visible from most areas in Vancouver and form a distinctive backdrop for the city. The North Shore Mountains are a small subrange of the Pacific Ranges, the southernmost grouping of the vast Coast Mountains. They are bounded on the south by Burrard Inlet, on the west and north-west by Howe Sound, and on the north and north-east by the Garibaldi Ranges. ■



**Oksana MATIASH****Colin Carrie**

Born in: Ternopil, Ukraine

Hometown: Kyiv, Ukraine

Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv
(est. 1834)

Institute of International Relations, Department of
International Law, Master's Program

Motto of University: "Utilitas honor et Gloria"

(Корисність, честь та слава)

Volodymyr Hrynyk CUPP Scholarship recipient
2016 Intern to **Colin Carrie**, MP for Oshawa, Ontario.
A graduate of Oshawa's RS McLaughlin CVI, Colin
earned a bachelor's degree in kinesiology from the
University of Waterloo and graduated from the Cana-
dian Memorial Chiropractic College as a Doctor of
Chiropractic in 1989. Prior to entering Parliament, Co-
lin co-owned and operated one of Durham Region's
leading chiropractic and wellness clinics in Oshawa.
He is a former Director of the Oshawa Federal Pro-
gressive Conservative Riding Association. Colin was
first elected to the House of Commons in June 2004
and re-elected in January 2006, October 2008, and
May 2011. From 2006 to 2008, Colin served as Parlia-
mentary Secretary to the Minister of Industry. As the
Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Industry in
the 39th Parliament. In 2008, Prime Minister Stephen
Harper appointed him to serve as Parliamentary Sec-
retary to the Minister of Health and was reappointed to
this position on May 25, 2011. In 2013, Colin was ap-
pointed by the Prime Minister to serve as Parliamen-
tary Secretary to the Minister of the Environment. Co-
lin was re-elected as the Member of Parliament for
Oshawa for his fifth term on October 19, 2015. As a
result of this election, Colin moved back over to the
Opposition benches, where he was named Deputy
Critic (Health) in the Official Opposition Shadow Cabi-
net. He has since been promoted to Health Critic.

Foreign languages: English, Polish, French, Rus-
sian.

Last Ukrainian author read: Yuri Horlis-Horskyi

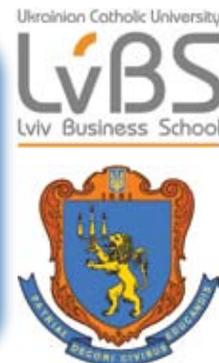
"Kholodnyi Yar".

Last foreign author read: Lee Kuan Ye "Hard Truths
to Keep Singapore Going".

Favourite quote by Ukrainian author: "А ви
думали, що Україна так просто. Україна – це супер.
Україна – це ексклюзив. По ній пройшли всі катки
історії. На ній відпрацьовані всі види випробувань.
Вона загартована найвищим гарттом. В умовах
сучасного світу їй немає ціни" – Ліна Костенко.

Favourite quote by foreign author: "Strive not to be
a success, but rather to be of value" – Albert Einstein
Favourite musical recording: Ludovico Einaudi "Pri-
mavera".

Outstanding landmark or architecture in Canada:
Supreme Court of Canada Building was designed
by Ernest Cormier, a renowned Montréal architect who
also designed the Quebec Court of Appeal building in
Montréal, the Government Printing Bureau in Gatineau
and the central building of the University of Mon-
tréal. Situated just west of the Parliament Buildings on
a bluff high above the Ottawa River, and set back from
busy Wellington Street by an expanse of lawn, the
building provides a dignified setting worthy of the coun-
try's highest tribunal. ■

**Yaroslav MELEKH****Arif Virani**

Born in: Lviv, Ukraine

Hometown: Lviv, Ukraine

Ivan Franko National University of Lviv (est. 1661).
Faculty of Economics, PhD Program "Accounting and
Auditing", MA in Accounting and Auditing, BA in
Economics and Entrepreneurship. Motto of Universi-
ty: "Patriae decori civibus educandis".

**Lviv Business School of Ukrainian Catholic
University** (est. 2008) Certificate Program "Good
Governance". Motto of University: "Growing Compa-
nies by Growing People".

Mazurenko Family CUPP Scholarship recipient 2016 Intern to **Arif Virani**, Parkdale–High Park, Ontario. Arif Virani came to Canada as a Ugandan Asian refugee in 1972, after his family was forced to flee the brutal dictatorship of Idi Amin. Arif's first port of call that cold October was the YMCA on Peel Street in Montreal. Mr. Virani graduated from McGill with a First Class Joint Honours B.A. in History and Political Science in 1994. His History thesis examined Martin Luther King's role in the American Civil Rights Movement following the 1963 March on Washington. Following internship program on Parliament Hill, Arif studied law at the University of Toronto, where he was on the Dean's List. Besides his studies, Arif devoted his passion to assisting others through legal clinic work in the fields of immigration and criminal law. He received my Bachelors of Law from the University of Toronto in 1998, graduating as Valedictorian. In 2003 Arif made the decision to marry his deep commitment to public service with his professional career path, and moved to his most recent position as Counsel in the Constitutional Law Branch of the Ministry of the Attorney General of Ontario. As a Crown Counsel, Arif's overriding responsibility was to the people of Ontario — in furthering the administration of justice in the province, promoting the rule of law and protecting the public interest. In addition, Arif completed international human rights research on caste discrimination in Northern India, and served as a Programme Officer with the Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative in New Delhi, developing mechanisms to strengthen police accountability. In 2015 Arif ran and was firstly elected for the Liberals in the riding of Parkdale — High Park to replace New Democratic Party representative Peggy Nash.

Foreign languages: English, German, Polish, Russian.

Last book read: «How Will You Measure Your Life?» by Clayton M. Christensen.

Favourite quote by Ukrainian author: "Think globally, act locally" (Мисли глобально, дій локально) – Богдан Гаврилишин.

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

Favourite musical recording: The Maneken – Networked Life.

Outstanding landmark or architecture in Canada: **Old Montreal**, is the oldest area in the city of Montreal with few remains dating back to New France and is located in the borough of Ville-Marie, and includes the Old Port of Montreal. With some of its buildings dating

to the 17th century, it is one of the oldest urban areas in North America. In the eastern part of the old city are found Montreal City Hall, Bonsecours Market and Notre-Dame-de-Bon-Secours Chapel, as well as preserved colonial mansions such as the Château Ramezay. Further west, Place d'Armes is dominated by Notre-Dame Basilica on its southern side, accompanied by the Saint-Sulpice Seminary – the oldest extant building in Montreal. The other sides of the square are devoted to commerce; to the north is the former Bank of Montreal Head Office and to the west, the Aldred Building and the 1888 New York Life Building, the oldest skyscraper in Canada. ■



Levko ORSHYNSKY

Born in: Lviv, Ukraine

Hometown: Kyiv, Ukraine

National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy (est. 1615) Faculty of Social Sciences and Social Technologies

Emil Telizyn CUPP Scholarship recipient

2016 Intern to **Julie Dzerowicz**, MP for Davenport, Ontario. Dzerowicz has earned degrees from McGill University and the University of British Columbia, completing both degrees through an international exchange at Institut Commercial de Nancy and the London Business School, respectively. Prior to her election, she worked in the financial sector and as a senior political staffer to former provincial cabinet minister Gerry Phillips. She also worked and as a vice-president for policy for the Ontario Liberal Party. Dzerowicz's father was Ukrainian and her mother is of Mexican and Spanish descent.

Foreign languages: English, Russian.

Last book read: Nelson Mandela "Long walk to Freedom".

Favourite quote by Ukrainian author: "Людина –



Julie Dzerowicz

це обов'язок, а не титул (народився – і вже людина). Людина – твориться, самонароджується. Власне, хто Ти є поки що? Кавалок глини сирової, пластичної. Бери цей кавалок у обидві жмені і мни – доти, поки з нього не вийде щось тверде, окреслене, перем'яте. Уяви, що Бог, який творить людей, то Ти є сам. Ти є Бог. Отож, як Бог самого себе, мни свою глину в руках, поки не відчуєш під мозолями кремій. Для цього в Тебе найкращий час – Творися ж!" – Василь Стус.

Favourite quote by foreign author: "We don't get a chance to do that many things, and everyone should be really excellent. Because this is our life. Life is brief, and then you die, you know? And we've all chosen to do this with our lives. So it better be damn good. It better be worth it" – Steve Jobs.

Favourite musical recording: DakhaBrakha "Specially for you".

Outstanding Landmark or Architecture in Canada: **Gatineau Park** is located in the Outaouais region of Quebec, Canada. Administered by the National Capital Commission as part of the National Capital Region, Gatineau Park is a 361 square kilometres (139 sq mi) wedge of land extending north and west from the city of Gatineau QC. With a perimeter of 179.2 kilometres (111.3 mi), the park includes parts of the municipalities of Chelsea, Pontiac, La Pêche, and the City of Gatineau. The main entrance to the park is 4 kilometres (2.5 mi) north of downtown Ottawa, Ontario. ■



Marko ORSHYNSKY

Born in: Lviv, Ukraine

Hometown: Kyiv, Ukraine

National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy (est. 1615) Faculty of Social Sciences and Social Technologies



Linda Duncan

John Sopinka CUPP Scholarship recipient 2016 Intern to **Linda Duncan**, MP for Edmonton–Strathcona, Alberta. A New Democrat, Duncan was the only non-Conservative MP from Alberta from the 2008 election until the 2015 election. Prior to her election, she ran unsuccessfully in the same riding in 2006. Before politics, Duncan practiced as an environmental lawyer, working in Edmonton until 1987 when she moved to Ottawa to work for Environment Canada. She also spent time in Whitehorse working as an assistant deputy in the Yukon government, and in Montreal working in NAFTA's Commission for Environmental Cooperation. She also served on the Sierra Legal Defence Fund's Board of Directors.

Foreign languages: English, Russian, German.

Last book read: Pierre Bourdieu "The State Nobility: Elite Schools in the Field of Power".

Favourite quote by Ukrainian author: "Не дивіться на Україну, як на землю своїх батьків. Дивіться на неї, як на землю своїх дітей. І тоді прийдуть зміни" – Святослав Вакарчук.

Favourite quote by foreign author: "It is hard to fail, but it is worse never to have tried to succeed" – Theodore Roosevelt.

Favourite musical recording: Гайдамаки "Під Облачком" (Haydamaky "Pid Oblachkom").

Outstanding Landmark or Architecture in Canada: **Memorial Chamber in the Centre Block.** A vaulted 7.3 m by 7.3 m (24 ft by 24 ft) room directly above the porte-cochere, with stained glass windows and various other features illustrating Canada's war record, such as the brass plates made from spent shell casings found on battlefields that were inlaid into the floor, and bore the name of each of Canada's major conflicts during the First World War. Stone architect John Pearson personally collected from the main European battlefields where Canadians were killed is included in the floors and walls. Pearson described the room, also called the Memorial Chapel, as a "sacred grove in the middle of the forest. The stone walls were originally to have been inscribed with the names of all Canada's servicemen and women who had died during the First World War; but, without enough space for all 66,000 names, it was later decided to place Books of Remembrance there instead. ■





Bozhena OVCHARENKO

Born in: Kolomyia, Ivano-Frankivsk Oblast, Ukraine
Hometown: Kyiv, Ukraine

Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv (est. 1834) Institute of Philology, Faculty of Translation and Interpreting Studies (English, German), Master's program "Translation and Interpreting Studies". Motto of University: "Utilitas honor et gloria".
National Linguistic University of Kyiv (est. 1948) Faculty of Translation and Interpreting Studies (English, German), Bachelor of Translation and Interpreting Studies with honours.

John & Julia Stashuk CUPP Scholarship recipient 2016 Intern to **Cheryl Gallant**, MP for Renfrew–Nipissing–Pembroke, Ontario. Mrs. Gallant is a representative of Conservative party who became a member of the parliament in 2000. She has the distinction of being the first female elected, federally or provincially to high office for the County of Renfrew. Cheryl Gallant is holder of PhD in biochemistry, toxicology, pharmacology and environmental chemistry. Prior to becoming MP, Mrs. Gallant was Chief Administrative Director in a family owned small business. Currently, in addition to serving as Deputy House Leader of the Official Opposition, Cheryl has served on the National Defense Veteran Affairs, Industry, Science and Technology, Canadian Heritage Committees and Procedure and House Affairs. Cheryl was also elected Chair of the Canadian-NATO Parliamentary Association, traveling abroad representing Canada capacity in the NATO Assembly. Apart from that Cheryl Gallant is a strong defender of rural Canada and individual rights, including the right to own and enjoy private property. Cheryl was presented the Gold Standard of the Duke of Edinburgh Award by His Highness Prince Phillip, for her leadership skills, service to the community and excellence in physical fitness.

Foreign languages: English, German, French, Russian, Spanish (basic), Polish (basic).

Last book read: William Shakespeare "Macbeth".

Cheryl Gallant

Favourite quote by Ukrainian author: "З видимого пізнавай невидиме" – Григорій Сковорода.

Favourite quote by foreign author: "It is not in the stars to hold our destiny but in ourselves" – William Shakespeare.

Favourite musical recording: Coldplay "The Scientist".

Outstanding landmark or architecture in Canada: Niagara Falls. Known in the past as the premiere Honeymoon destination, this geological wonder is not only one of most popular tourist attractions, but also functions as one of the major power providers. Comprised of three waterfalls – American Falls, Horseshoe Falls and Bridal Veil Falls – Niagara Falls water stems from the upper Great Lakes and the river is estimated to be 12,000 years old. The wonder of the falls has intrigued many and has prompted daredevils to "conquer" the falls in various contraptions from wooden barrels to rubber balls. The water that runs over the falls comes from the Great Lakes. Ninety percent of the water goes over the Horseshoe Falls. Originally, as much as 5.5 billion gallons of water per hour flowed over the falls. Today the amount is controlled by the Canadian and American governments to slow erosion. In addition, some of the water is diverted to provide power for the United States and Canada, making Niagara Falls the largest source of electric power in the world. Twelve million tourists from all over the world visit Niagara Falls every summer. ■



Oleh SHEMETOV

Born in: Kharkiv, Ukraine

Current city: Katowice, Poland

University of Vienna, Austria (est. 1365) Department of History, Joint Master's course in "Global Studies – A European perspective", MA with honours.

Hon. Chrystia Freeland
University of Wrocław, Poland (est. 1705) Institute



of International Studies, Joint Master's course in "Global Studies – A European perspective", MA with honours.

California State University, Dominguez Hills, United States (est. 1960) Department of Political Science, Global Undergraduate Exchange Program, International Relations.

Vasyl Karazin National University of Kharkiv, Ukraine (est. 1804) School of History, Department of Modern and Contemporary History, Bachelor of History with honours.

2012-2014 **Erasmus Mundus** Scholarship recipient

2009-2010 **Global Undergraduate Exchange (Global UGRAD) Fellowship** recipient

East-West Foundation CUPP Scholarship recipient
2016 Intern to the **Hon. Chrystia Freeland**, MP for University–Rosedale, Ontario. Chrystia Freeland was first elected as the Member of Parliament for Toronto Centre in a by-election in November 2013, and then as the Member of Parliament for University–Rosedale in October 2015. She was the Critic for International Trade in 2014. She was born in Peace River, Alberta, received her undergraduate degree from Harvard University, and continued her studies on a Rhodes Scholarship at Oxford University. After cutting her journalistic teeth as a Ukraine-based stringer for the Financial Times, The Washington Post, and The Economist, Chrystia went on to wear many hats at the Financial Times, including deputy editor, UK news editor, Moscow bureau chief, Eastern Europe correspondent, editor of its weekend edition, and editor of FT.com. Between 1999 and 2001, she served as deputy editor of The Globe and Mail, before becoming a managing editor at the Financial Times. In 2010, Chrystia joined Canadian-owned Thomson Reuters as editor-at-large. She most recently worked as Managing Director and Editor of Consumer News. Chrystia was a weekly columnist for The Globe and Mail, writing extensively about the challenges facing the middle class. Her books include *Sale of a Century: The Inside Story of the Second Russian Revolution* (2000) and *Plutocrats: The Rise of the New Global Super-Rich and the Fall of Everyone Else* (2012). Chrystia is married and a proud mother of three children.

Foreign languages: English, Polish, German.

Last book read: Mykola Khvylovy "Valdshnepy".

Favourite quote by Ukrainian author: "Коли людина не встане з колін, то вона не далеко зможе пройти" – Іван Драч.

Favourite quote by foreign author: "And so, my fellow Americans: ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country" – John

F. Kennedy.

Favourite musical recording: Johnny Cash "God's Gonna Cut You Down".

Outstanding landmark or architecture in Canada: **Sandbanks Provincial Park** is a provincial park located on Lake Ontario in Prince Edward County near Picton. It is among the largest and most beautiful beaches in the province, with golden sand and sparkling water. Windsurfing, sailing, canoeing and boating compete with sunbathing and swimming as favourite park activities. Sandbanks boasts three sandy beaches. Two of the finest bay mouth sandbar and coastal sand dune systems in the province can be found here. Sandbanks is also home to an interesting mix of vegetation and wildlife. ■



Veronika SKIP

Born in: Zhovkva, Ukraine

Hometown: Zhovkva, Ukraine

Ukrainian Free University, Munich, Germany (est. 1921) Faculty of Philosophy, Cultural Studies.

Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich, Germany (est. 1472) Faculty of Philosophy, Master's program "Cultural Studies".

Ivan Franko National University of Lviv (est. 1661) Faculty of Culture and Arts, Master's program "Cultural Studies".

Daria Telizyn CUPP Scholarship recipient

2016 Intern to **James Bezan**, MP for Selkirk–Interlake, Manitoba. James Bezan has been successfully elected five times as a Conservative Member of Parliament since 2004, with his most recent electoral victory in the newly created riding of Selkirk–Interlake–Eastman. Over the course of his parliamentary career, he has chaired the House of Commons Standing Com-



James Bezan

mittees for Agriculture and Agri-Food (2006-2008), Environment (2008-2011), and National Defence (2011-2013). As Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of National Defence from 2013-2015, Bezan was active on files dealing with military procurement, mental health issues in the Canadian Armed Forces, the war against ISIS, and Russia's aggression in Ukraine. Bezan currently serves in the Official Opposition Shadow Cabinet as the Conservative Defence Critic. Bezan has also been a very outspoken critic on the issue of Russian aggression in Eastern Europe, and protecting Ukraine's democracy, sovereignty and human rights. As a result, he was one of thirteen Canadian officials sanctioned and banned by the Russian government in 2014. For his work on Ukrainian issues he has been recognized with numerous awards both in Canada and abroad, including the 'Order of Prince Yaroslav the Wise' (Ukraine's highest civilian award) for his private members' bill to recognize the Holodomor as an act of genocide. He is the Vice Chair of the Canada-Ukraine Parliamentary Friendship Group and co-founder of Canadian Parliamentarians for Human Rights and Democracy in Iran.

Foreign languages: English, German, Polish, Russian.

Last book read: Gabriel García Márquez "One Hundred Years of Solitude".

Favourite quote by Ukrainian author: "Пізнай себе!" (Know thyself!) – Григорій Сковорода.

Favourite quote by foreign author: "Knowledge is power" – Francis Bacon.

Favourite musical recording: Cecilia Bartoli; Il Giardino Armonico "The Vivaldi Album".

Outstanding landmark or architecture in Canada: **Notre-Dame Basilica, Montreal, Quebec.** The architecture is among the most dramatic in the world; its interior is grand and colourful, its ceiling is coloured deep blue and decorated with golden stars, and the rest of the sanctuary is a polychrome of blues, azures, reds, purples, silver, and gold. It is filled with hundreds of intricate wooden carvings and several religious statues. Unusual for a church, the stained glass windows along the walls of the sanctuary do not depict biblical scenes, but rather scenes from the religious history of Montreal. ■



Olena SKLIAR



Dean Allison

Born in: Dnipro, Ukraine

Hometown: Dnipro, Ukraine

Oles Honchar National University of Dnipro, Ukraine (est. 1918) Faculty of Ukrainian and Foreign Philology and Study of Art. Motto of University: "Docendo Discimus".

Josef and Maria Siecinsky CUPP Scholarship recipient

2016 Intern to **Dean Allison**, MP for Niagara West–Glanbrook, Ontario. Dean Allison was elected as the first MP for the riding of Niagara West–Glanbrook on June 28, 2004, and was re-elected with resounding majorities in the 2006, 2008, 2011 and 2015 general elections. On October 19, 2015 Dean began his fifth term as the MP for the newly realigned riding of Niagara West. A graduate of Wilfrid Laurier University with a degree in Economics, Dean established himself in the Hamilton and Niagara area through accumulating businesses and working for a major franchise organization. He served his community as President of the West Lincoln Memorial Hospital Foundation, as President of the Lincoln Chamber of Commerce, a Director of the Ontario Trillium Foundation, and board member of Junior Achievement in Niagara. Allison is also a founding member of the Dave Thomas Adoption Foundation in Canada and the Belarus Children of Chernobyl program that brings children affected by the Chernobyl disaster to Canada. With regard to his parliamentary duties, Dean has chaired the Human Resources, Skills Development and Status of Persons with Disabilities committee, and the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development. He also chaired the Liaison Committee for almost 10 years. Additionally, former Prime Minister Stephen Harper appointed Dean to the Red Tape Reduction Commission which released an influential report on the relationship between government and the private sector. Currently, Dean serves as Deputy Critic for International Development and as Vice-Chair of the

Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development. As a committed advocate for his constituents, Dean works tirelessly on their behalf and can often be found at community events and meetings in the riding. Through his efforts, hundreds of individuals and numerous businesses have seen positive results. Dean lives in Beamsville with his wife and children.

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

Last book read: Umberto Eco "The Name of the Rose".

Favourite quote by Ukrainian author: "На світі той наймудріший, хто найдужче любить життя" – Василь Симоненко.

Favourite quote by foreign author: "Be the change that you wish to see in the world" – Mahatma Gandhi
Favourite musical recording: Scorpions "Moment Of Glory".

Outstanding landmark or architecture in Canada:

Fort Henry is located in Kingston, Ontario, Canada. It is a museum and historic site to residents of Kingston and visitors from all around the world. Once inside the wooden gates, it is possible to enter the realm of 19th century military life, experience guided tours, scenic views, heart-pounding musical performances and precision military demonstrations by the Fort Henry Guard. The Fort is the best place to visit special ceremonies and events that take place all season long. ■



Liliia SLOBODIAN



Hon. Chrystia Freeland

Born in: Chortkiv, Ternopil Oblast, Ukraine

Hometown: Kyiv, Ukraine

National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy (est. 1615) Faculty of Law.

Anna Mazurenko CUPP Scholarship recipient
2016 Intern to the **Hon. Chrystia Freeland**, MP for

University–Rosedale, Ontario. Chrystia Freeland is the Liberal MP for the new riding of University Rose-dale and the current Minister of International Trade. From 2013-2015, Ms. Freeland served as the MP for the riding of Toronto-Centre. An esteemed Canadian journalist and author, Ms. Freeland was born in Peace River, Alberta and studied at Harvard University where she received a B.A. in History and Literature. Ms. Freeland continued her studies on a Rhodes Scholarship at Oxford University. After cutting her journalistic teeth as a Ukraine-based stringer for the Financial Times, Washington Post, and The Economist, Ms. Freeland went on to wear many hats at the Financial Times, including deputy editor, UK news editor, Moscow bureau chief, Eastern Europe correspondent, editor of its weekend edition, and editor of FT.com. She served as deputy editor of Canada's The Globe and Mail between 1999 and 2001, before becoming the U.S. managing editor of the Financial Times. In 2010, Ms. Freeland joined Canadian-owned Thomson Reuters as editor-at-large. She most recently worked as Managing Director and Editor of Consumer News. Ms. Freeland was a weekly columnist for the Globe and Mail, writing extensively about income inequality and challenges facing the middle class. She is the author of Sale of a Century: The Inside Story of the Second Russian Revolution (2000) and Plutocrats: The Rise of the New Global Super-Rich and the Fall of Everyone Else (2012). She is the recipient of the prestigious Lionel Gelber Award and the 2013 National Business Book Award. She was also a featured speaker at TEDGlobal 2013.

Foreign languages: English, Polish, Russian.

Last book read: Catie Marron "City Squares".

Favourite quote by Ukrainian author: "Ви чітко знаєте, чого ви не хочете, але не знаєте, чого хочете. Це наслідок нашого часу. Ми зараз проживаємо велику кризу – це криза втрати безпеки, криза екологічна, криза нерівності. Але дивімося на цю кризу як на шанс, і передусім ви дивіться на цю кризу як на шанс, бо це – ваші великі часи" – Ярослав Грицак.

Favourite quote by foreign author: "What torments me is not the humps nor hollows nor the ugliness. It is the sight, a little bit in all these men, of Mozart murdered. Only the Spirit, if it breathe upon the clay, can create Man" – Antoine de Saint-Exupery.

Favourite musical recording: Fink "Honesty".

Outstanding landmark or architecture in Canada: **Centre Block** is the main building of the Canadian parliamentary complex on Parliament Hill, Ottawa. It hosts the House of Commons and Senate chambers,

as well as the offices of MPs and senators. Built in the Gothic Revival style, the present Centre Block is the building's second iteration. The first was destroyed by fire in 1916. All that remains of the original building is the beautiful Library of Parliament. ■



Olga SPYTSIA



Robert Sopuck

Born in: Mykolaiv, Ukraine

Hometown: Mykolaiv, Ukraine

Petro Mohyla Black Sea State University (est. in 1996) Foreign Languages Institute.

Troy University (est. in 1887) Faculty of Journalism and Communication.

2010-2011 **Global Undergraduate Exchange (Global UGRAD) Fellowship** recipient

Tetiana Mackiw CUPP Scholarship recipient

2016 Intern to **Robert Sopuck**, MP for Dauphin–Swan River–Neepawa, Manitoba. Born in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Mr. Robert D. Sopuck studied at the University of Manitoba where he received his Bachelor of Science. He then continued his studies at Cornell University in Ithaca, New York, where he received his Master of Science. Robert Sopuck was first elected in a November 2010 by-election and then again in the 41st and 42nd Canadian federal elections (2011 and 2015 respectively). Following his re-election in 2015, Conservative Leader Rona Ambrose appointed Mr. Sopuck as the Official Opposition's Critic for Wildlife Conservation and Parks Canada. From 2011 to 2015, Mr. Sopuck was a respected member of the Standing Committee for Environment and Sustainable Development and the Committee on Fisheries and Oceans. In addition, Mr. Sopuck served as the Chair of the Manitoba Regional Caucus. In 2012, Mr. Sopuck founded and Chaired the Conservative Hunting and Angling Caucus to raise awareness of the importance of those traditional outdoor activities for communities, and the

nation's economy. This group has consistently stood up for law abiding hunters, anglers and sport shooters. From 2011 to 2013, Robert served as the Chair of the Canada-Ukraine Parliamentary Friendship Group. Mr. Sopuck also has a deep commitment to the Ukrainian-Canadian community in Canada and is outspoken in his support for wellbeing in Ukraine. Mr. Sopuck proudly represents a significant number of residents of Ukrainian descent whose families settled in central western Manitoba in the late 1800s and early 1900s.

Foreign languages: English, German, Spanish.

Last book read: Dale Carnegie "How to Stop Worrying and Start Living".

Favourite quote by Ukrainian author: "Живе той, хто не живе для себе, хто для других виборює життя" – Vasyl Symonenko.

Favourite quote by foreign author: "The two most important days in your life are the day you are born and the day you find out why" – Mark Twain.

My favourite musical recording: Sting "It's Probably Me".

Outstanding landmark or architecture in Canada:

High Park is a municipal park in Toronto, Ontario, Canada. It is a mixed recreational and natural park, with sporting facilities, cultural facilities, educational facilities, gardens, playgrounds and a zoo. It is the largest park entirely within the city. High Park is the best place to see fall colours and cherry blossoms in Toronto. In 2015 High Park was the starting point where the parade of the Bloor West Village Toronto Ukrainian Festival started. Toronto Ukrainian Festival is one of the premier Ukrainian festivals in the world, which takes pride in showcasing contemporary professional and amateur artists and performers of Ukrainian heritage who celebrate Ukrainian culture through music, dance and the visual arts. ■





Oleksandra SUPRUN

Born in: Kyiv, Ukraine

Hometown: Kyiv, Ukraine

University of Glasgow, United

Kingdom (est. 1451) Centre for Russian, Central and East European Studies, Master's

program "International Masters in Russian, Central and East European Studies". Motto of University: "Via, Veritas, Vita" (the Way, the Truth, the Life).

University of Turku, Finland (est. 1920), Faculty of Humanities, Master's program "Master of Arts in Baltic Sea Region Studies". Motto of University: "From a free people to free science and learning".

Jagiellonian University, Poland (est. 1364) Centre for European Studies. Motto of University: "Plus ratio quam vis" ("Let reason prevail over force").

Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv, Ukraine (est. 1834) Faculty of Philosophy, Department of Political Science, Master's degree in Political Science with honours, Bachelor's degree in Political Science with honours. Motto of University: "Utilitas, Honor et Gloria" (Utility, Honor and Glory).

Erasmus Mundus Scholarship recipient

Michael Starr CUPP Scholarship recipient

2016 Intern to the **Hon. MaryAnn Mihychuk**, MP for Kildonan–St. Paul, Manitoba. MaryAnn Mihychuk was born in 1955, in Vita, Manitoba. As a successful geoscientist and former member of the Manitoba Legislature, she possesses a significant amount of both legislative and industry-related experience. Elected as a member of Manitoba's government in 1995, MaryAnn served as Minister of Industry, Trade, and Mines and Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs during her nine years as an MLA. MaryAnn obtained a Bachelor's Degree in Science from the University of Winnipeg and a Master's in Geology from Brock University, and has worked in several capacities within Canada's mineral industry. She was the founder of Women in Mining Canada as well as Women in Mining Manitoba, and was president of the latter. Recognized for her vision

and leadership by the Manitoba Association of Engineers and Geoscientists, MaryAnn led the renewal of *The Mines Act*, which the industry rated as the best policy framework in the world. In 2010, MaryAnn was one of two Jack Gallagher Visiting Geoscientists at the University of Manitoba, and she is the first-ever recipient of the 2012 Women in Mining Canada Trailblazer Award. Ever-active in her community, MaryAnn is a former trustee of the Winnipeg School Division, secretary of the Snow Lake Chamber of Commerce, and both a founder and member of West End Citizens on Patrol and the Orioles Literacy Program.

Foreign languages: English, Polish, German (basic), Spanish (basic).

Last book read: Thomas D. Grant "Aggression against Ukraine".

Favourite quote by Ukrainian author: "Contra Spem Spero!" – Lesya Ukrainka.

Favourite quote by foreign author: "The fear of death follows from the fear of life. A man who lives fully is prepared to die at any time" – Mark Twain.

Favourite musical recording: Enigma "Return to Innocence".

Outstanding landmark or architecture in Canada: **East Block** is one of the three buildings on Canada's Parliament Hill, in Ottawa, Ontario, containing offices for parliamentarians, as well as some preserved pre-Confederation spaces. It was built between the years 1859-1866, and along with the Library of Parliament, remains one of only two buildings on Parliament Hill to have survived mostly intact since original construction. It housed the offices for the early prime ministers, including John A. Macdonald, and the Governor General. It was extended in 1910 adding six massive vaults for storing wealth. Designed by Thomas Stent and Augustus Laver, the East Block is an asymmetrical structure built in the Victorian High Gothic style, with load bearing masonry walls. The level of quality and luxury of the offices initially indicated the status of the inhabitant: large, wood panelled chambers with marble fireplaces and richly decorated plaster ceilings served for ministers of the Crown; intricate, but somewhat less detailed cornices were sufficient for senior bureaucrats; and basic, machine-made woodwork and concrete fireplace mantles filled rooms set aside for clerks. ■



**Dmytro TKACHUK****Hon. Jason Kenney**

Born in: Kyiv, Ukraine

Hometown: Kyiv, Ukraine

National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy (est. 1615) Faculty of Law. Motto of University: "Tempus fugit, Academia sempiterna" (Time is running, Academy is eternal).

Lucy Hicks CUPP Scholarship recipient

2016 Intern to the **Hon. Jason Kenney**, MP for Calgary Midnapore, Alberta. Jason 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 six times, most recently with nearly 67 per cent of the vote in 2015. 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. In 2013, he was appointed Minister of Employment and Social Development and Minister for Multiculturalism, with a mandate to ensure that Canadians are well-prepared to participate fully in the labour market of the future. Mr. Kenney was appointed Minister of National Defence and Minister for Multiculturalism in 2015. He also chaired the Cabinet Committee on Operations and served as the Regional Minister for Southern Alberta, and sits on the Cabinet Committees for Foreign Affairs and Security and Planning and Priorities. Mr. Kenney has been voted the "best overall" and

"hardest working" MP by his colleagues in the Maclean's Magazine annual survey of parliamentarians.

Foreign languages: English, Russian.

Last book read: Charles Dickens "A Tale of Two Cities".

Favourite quote by Ukrainian author: "І все на світі треба пережити, І кожен фініш – це, по суті, старт, І наперед не треба ворожити, І за минулим плакати не варт" – Lina Kostenko.

Favourite quote by foreign author: "Instead of going to Paris to attend lectures, go to the public library, and you won't come out for twenty years, if you really wish to learn" – Lev Tolstoy.

Favourite musical recording: David Bowie "Heroes".

Outstanding landmark or architecture in Canada: **Lake Louise** is a beautiful mountain lake in the middle of Banff National Park in the Alberta Rockies region of Alberta, Canada. The lake is surrounded by snow-capped peaks, and at the far end is a large glacier. The lake is quite isolated, but provides a magnificent setting for a luxury resort, the Châteaux Lake Louise, and a conference wing on the 'inland' side of the hotel. Before 8AM, one may see the lake with few people around; at dawn, the light shines onto the back wall of the glacier lake. Just before dusk is also reasonably quiet. ■

**Roksolana TURKOVSKA****Bev Shipley Larry Maguire**

Born in: Zhydachiv, Lviv Oblast, Ukraine

Hometown: Zhydachiv, Lviv Oblast, Ukraine

National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy, Ukraine (est. 1615) Faculty of Law. Motto of University:

"Tempus fugit, Academia sempiterna (Time is running, Academy is eternal).

Jagiellonian University, Poland (est. 1364) Faculty of Law and Administration. Motto of University: "Plus Ratio Quam Vis" (Let reason prevail).

Andriy Panasenko (CUPP 1998 Alumnus) CUPP Scholarship recipient

2016 Intern to **Bev Shipley**, MP for Lambton–Kent–Middlesex, Ontario. Bev Shipley has worked and lived in the Lambton–Kent–Middlesex riding his entire life, just as generations of his family have done since 1819. After graduating from Centralia College of Agriculture Technology, Bev took over the family farm, which he expanded to include cash crops and purebred dairy cattle. He has been active in the community through numerous community organizations and church. Bev was involved in municipal government for 20 years, including 7 years as Mayor of Middlesex Centre. It is in the Township of Middlesex Centre that Bev and his wife of 43 years, Barb, raised three now grown children. Bev is the proud grandfather of ten grandchildren. Over the years, Bev Shipley 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. Bev was first elected as the Member of Parliament for Lambton-Kent-Middlesex in 2006 and was re-elected in 2008, 2011 and, most recently, 2015. His involvement within the community is extreme and has touched many individuals throughout the riding. Bev is a business person, understands agriculture and believes Canadian farmers are as efficient as any in the world.

2016 Intern to **Larry Maguire**, MP for Brandon–Souris, Manitoba. Larry Maguire was first elected as the Member of Parliament for the federal riding of Brandon-Souris on November 25, 2013 and re-elected by over half of all votes cast on October 19, 2015. Larry was born in Souris, Manitoba. Raised by Merle and Fern Maguire, he grew up on the farm and learned the value of hard work. He went to high school in Elgin and Hartney before graduating with a Diploma in Agriculture from the University of Manitoba. He farmed at Elgin until 2002, has lived in Virden, and now makes Brandon his home. First elected as a Progressive Conservative member in 1999, voters returned Larry to the Manitoba Legislature in 2003, 2007 and 2011. While an MLA, Larry served as the critic for Conservation and Water Stewardship; with previous responsibilities for Climate Change; Green Initiatives; Infrastructure and Transportation, Inland Port, Finance, Environment, Intergovernmental Affairs (Rural) and as Deputy Leader in 2006. Following the resignation of the former MP for Brandon-Souris, in a by-election on No-

vember 25, 2013 the voters of Brandon-Souris chose Larry as their new Member of Parliament. Throughout his tenure in the House of Commons, he has always stood up for balanced budgets and the importance of spending within our means. He has been tapped to sit on important Standing Committees, such as Agriculture, Human Resources, and Public Safety. Larry is focused on working with provincial, municipal, business and community leaders to continue building on the economic growth our region is experiencing, to find ways to make sure fewer of our friends and neighbours are left behind, and to do all we can to make sure we retain our young people and attract new workers and their families from right across our country and around the world.

Foreign languages: English, Polish, Russian.

Last book read: Jonathan Safran Foer "Extremely loud and incredibly close".

Favourite quote by Ukrainian author: "В сміливих щастя завжди є" – Іван Багряний, "Ті держави здатні стати великими, у яких великі малі люди" – О. Довженко.

Favourite quote by foreign author: "Try not to become a man of success, but rather try to become a man of value" – Albert Einstein, "If you want to be happy, be" – Leo Tolstoy.

Favourite musical recording: Alt-J "Taro".

Outstanding landmark or architecture in Canada: **Kingston** located about half way between Ottawa and Toronto, is somewhat of a historical city with many well-loved and preserved buildings. Kingston is also nicknamed the "Limestone City" because of the many historic buildings built with local limestone. The former capital of the Province of Canada (1841), Kingston's position at the junction of the Great Lakes and St Lawrence River, its proximity to the border with the United States and the dominance of the Canadian Shield in its surrounding area, have been crucial to its settlement, political and economic history. Kingston is home to the UNESCO World Heritage Site Rideau Canal and Kingston Fortifications, and is adjacent to the UNESCO Frontenac Arch Biosphere. It has 29 National Historic Sites (e.g., the War of 1812 Shipwrecks National Historic Site was added in 2015), three Heritage Conservation Districts (Barriefield, Market Square, Old Sydenham), 635 municipally designated heritage properties and an additional 544 properties listed as having heritage value. Landmarks such as the City Hall, Customs House, Post Office and Murney Tower also reflected the city's history. ■



Anna ZAVIZON



Hon. Peter Kent

Born in: Zaporizhia, Ukraine

Hometown: Dnipropetrovsk, Ukraine

Oles Honchar National University of Dnipropetrovsk (est. 1918) Department of Ukrainian and Foreign Philology and Arts (English language and literature), Bachelor of English Philology with honours; Master's program in English Philology; Faculty of Law (Jurisdiction, Bachelor's program). Motto of University: "Docendo discimus" (Навчаючи навчаємось; By teaching we learn).

Ramon Hnatyshyn CUPP Scholarship recipient 2016 Intern to the **Hon. Peter Kent**, MP for Thornhill, Ontario. Peter Kent was first elected to the House of Commons representing Thornhill in 2008 and sworn into Cabinet as Minister of State of Foreign Affairs, responsible for the Americas. In January 2011, Peter was appointed Canada's Environment Minister and served in that capacity until July of 2013. In October 2013 Peter was elected Chair of the House Standing Committee on National Defence. In October of 2015 Peter was again re-elected as MP for Thornhill. Prior to his election to the House of Commons, Peter was a broadcast journalist having spent more than 40 years working as a writer, reporter, producer, anchor and senior executive in Canada, the United States and around the world. He covered stories that shaped the 20th century, including momentous events such as , the Vietnam and Cambodian conflicts and recovery, decades of conflict, uncertainty and hope in the Middle East, the Ethiopian famine, the transition from Rhodesia to Zimbabwe, South Africa's transition from the apartheid era to Mandela's presidency, the overthrow of Idi Amin, the fall of the Berlin Wall and the end of the Cold War. Peter won a number of awards over the course of his career, including the prestigious Robert F. Kennedy Award. He is also a member of the Canadian Broadcast Hall of Fame. A passionate believer in community involvement, Peter actively supports a number of charitable organizations. He has served as

a mentor with the Toronto Region Immigrant Employment Council and was on the Toronto cabinet of the Canadian Museum for Human Rights. He remains involved with the Royal Conservatory of Music, Friends of Simon Wiesenthal Center, and the Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre. Peter is married to Cilla. They have a daughter, Trilby, son-in-law, Daniel and granddaughter, Clea.

Foreign languages: English, German, Spanish (basic), Russian.

Last book read: Chinua Achebe "Things Fall Apart".

Favourite quote by a Ukrainian author: "Хоч де б ми були, хоч яких висот сягали, завжди будуть з нами сни про наше дитинство, про наші початки і витоки. Власне ми не володіємо нічим, окрім скарбів, успадкованих від свого минулого, рідної землі, дитинства, і все наше подальше життя – то тільки доповнення до потаємної недоторканості коренів" (No matter where we are and no matter how successful we become, there'll always be dreams about our childhood, our beginnings and cradles. Actually, we have nothing except treasures inherited from the past, native land, childhood and all our life is our addition to inmost integrity of the roots) – Pavlo Zahrebelnyi.

Favourite quote by foreign author: Emily Murphy "I think women can save civilization."

Favourite musical recording: Stone Sour "Looking at you through the glass".

Outstanding landmark or architecture in Canada: **Montréal City Hall** is rich both in history and architecture. This is my favorite landmark, because it has a fascinating story behind. In 1967 De Gaulle gave his speech from Montréal City Hall's balcony, where he pronounced scandalous words: ""Vive le Québec libre!" ("Long live free Quebec!"). The phrase, a slogan used by Quebecers who favored Quebec sovereignty, and de Gaulle's use of it, was seen by them as giving his support to the movement. The speech ignited a diplomatic incident with Canada's government, and was condemned by Prime Minister Lester B. Pearson, saying that "Canadians do not need to be liberated". ■

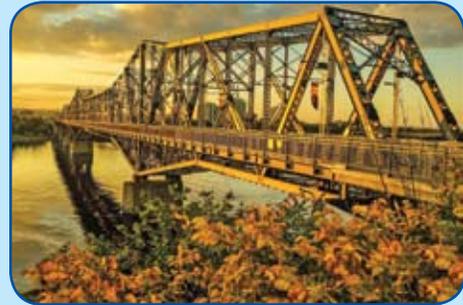


Viktorija BARBANIUK



Place D'Armes, Montreal, Quebec.

Marta BASYSTIUK



Royal Alexandra Interprovincial Bridge.

Daria BATALOVA



Rideau Canal.

Alina BUGAR



Notre-Dame Basilica in Montreal.

Mykyta DRAKHOKHRUST



Queens Park.

Oleh FEDAY



Saguenay Fjord National Park.

Sofiya-Roksolana GOT



Toronto Harbor.

Iryna GRECHKO



Prince Edward Island.

Evelina IBRAIMOVA



Commissioners Park – Ottawa Tulip Festival.

Mariia IHNATOVA



Yellowhead Pass.

Halyna KAPLAN



Omega Park in Quebec.

Svitlana KISILOVA



Pink Lake in Gatineau Park.

Bohdan KIT



Château Frontenac in Quebec City.

Volodymyr KOBRIN



Vegreville Egg.

Sviatoslav KOKHAN



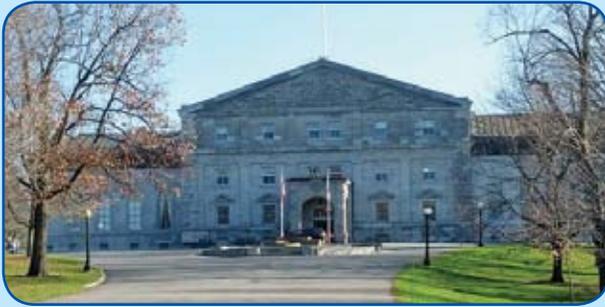
Pacific Rim National Park Reserve.

Nazar KOMNATSKYY



Moraine Lake.

Khrystyna KOSHULYNSKA



Rideau Hall in Ottawa.

Oiha KOTLARSKA



"Equal Before The Law" Sculpture in Toronto.

Kvitoslava KROTIUK



Mount Royal Park in Montreal.

Alina KUIOVDA



Ivan Franko Home for the Ages in Mississauga.

Roman LOZYNSKY



North Shore Mountains.

Oksana MATIASH



Supreme Court of Canada Building.

Yaroslav MELEKH



Old Montreal.

Levko ORSHYNSKY



Gatineau Park in the Ouraouais region of Quebec.

Marko ORSHYNSKY



Memorial Chamber in the Centre Block.

Bozhena OVCHARENKO



Niagara Falls.

Oleh SHEMETOV



Sandbanks Provincial Park.

Veronika SKIP



Notre-Dame Basilica, Montreal, Quebec.

Olena SKLIAR



Fort Henry in Kingston, Ontario.

Liliia SLOBODIAN



Centre Block.

Olga SPYTSIA



High Park in Toronto.

Oleksandra SUPRUN



East Block.

Dmytro TKACHUK



Lake Louise.

Roksolana TURKOVSKA



Kingston, Ontario.

Anna ZAVIZON



Montreal City Hall.

Interns with MPs & Ministers



Roman Lozynskyy with MP Borys Wrzesnewskij.



Sofiya Got with MP James Maloney.

Crimean Tatars



May 18, Musfata Djemeliev, Member of Ukraine's Parliament and head of the Crimean Tatars met with Prime Minister Justin Trudeau. Afterwards CUPP Interns, on the steps of Parliament, were joined by MPs Wayne Stetski, Robert-Falcon Ouellette, Kerry Diotte, Linda Duncan, Borys Wrzesnewskyj, Jim Eglinski, James Bezan, and Ambassador Andriy Shevchenko to commemorate the 72 anniversary of the forced deportation of Crimean Tatars by the regime of Jos Stalin.





“I would like to thank you for giving me this opportunity to become a CUPP Intern. This 2-months experience in Canada was a life-changing moment that I am going to use wisely in my future.

I managed to see how the rule of law works and what the real legal culture means.

My work at the office of MP Jim Eglinski inspired and motivated me to strive for more achievements.”

**Maria Ihnatova (CUPP 2016)
Intern to Jim Eglinski**

“It’s beginning to dawn on me, where we have spent the past two months. The learning experience , to work in Parliament is unfathomable. The chance of a lifetime is becoming real and understandable”.

**Sviatoslav Kokhan (at Pearson Airport),
(CUPP 2016)
Intern to the Hon. Mary-Ann Myhichuck**

Prayer for Peace



May 30, CUPP Interns organized the Inter-Faith Prayer for Peace in Ukraine and throughout the World at the Eternal Flame in front of Parliament. They were joined by Rev. Peter Galadza (Sheptytsky Institute); Rabbi Dr. Reuven P. Bulka, Congregational Machzikei Hadas; Imam Samy Metwally, Ottawa Muslim Association; Rev. Dr. Scott Kindre-Barnes, First Baptist Church, Ottawa; Rev. Fr. Zenon Hentosz, Chaplain Ottawa Catholic School Board; Ihor Bardyn, CUPP Director; MP Harold Albrecht; Rev. Ihor Okhrimchouk; Rev., MP Kerry Diotte; MP Cathay Wagnall; Mark Warawa; Brother Guram Madari.



Ukrainian Day on Parliament Hill. L to R: Sviatoslav Kokhan, Ihor Bardyn, Kvitoslava Krotiuk, George Tatarashvilli (CUPP 2004, Tbilisi Georgia), Olya Spysia.



Interns with MPs



Volodymyr Kobrin with MP Cathay Wagantall and Director Ihor Bardyn.



Yaroslav Melekh with MP Arif Virani.

Ukrainian Day on Parliament Hill



CUPP Interns at Ukrainian Day on Parliament Hill, reception in MacDonald Building were joined by MPs and Guests: Jim Eglinski, Arif Virani, Cathay Wagantall, Linda Duncan, George Tatarashvilli (CUPP 2004), David Yurdiga, Wayne Stetski, Bob Saroya, Borys Wrzesnewskyj, James Bezan, Deepak Obhrai, Ted Falk, Harold Albrecht, Kevin Waugh, Robert Sopuck, Ben Lobb, Peter Kent, Colin Carrie, Erin Weir, Mark Warawa, Larry Maguire, Don Rusnak, James Maloney, Andrei Bezruchonak (CUPP 2012, Minsk, Belarus), James Maloney.





Today everything is different from the past few months of my life. Walking around the streets it is clear to see that Ukraine is so beautiful in the summer: so green, so sunny, fresh and flourishing. Actually it doesn't seem much different from Ottawa, which I fell in love with from the very first day. However, the key thing, which I noticed to be different, is the sadness and tiredness in the eyes of the people on the streets. For me this is the major difference between Canada and Ukraine. The quality of infrastructure is not as important to me as the general mood of the citizens.

I can understand that people in Ukraine have daily problems, which unfortunately don't allow them to simply enjoy life, and it is not their fault. For them, Ukraine is a country in which they must live – struggling from year to year. I don't feel that, because you gave me an opportunity to 'break the border' so I no longer feel that Ukraine is a featureless, forgotten part of Europe.

I believe that one of the great features of my country is the more than one thousand CUPP alumni who for the past 25 years are spreading your beliefs about Ukraine to their families, siblings and friends. We are changing our society to help create healthy, strong-minded Ukrainians. Personally, I became clear with myself: I am Ukrainian and I don't live in a jail where I have to live surrounded by corruption and deception, because I am ready to continue your good work.

Thank you so very much, dear pan Bardyn! I hope you continue to inspire others and lead the Canada-Ukraine Parliamentary Program for many more years! Ukraine needs your aspiration, and your attempts to create a strong, smart, happy society!

**Iryna Grechko (CUPP 2016)
Intern to Jamie Schmale MP from Ontario**

CUPP Vyshyvanka Day on Parliament Hill 2016



May 30, Vyshyvanka Day on Parliament Hill. CUPP Interns organized Vyshyvanka Day and invited MPs to attend and wear vyshyvanka shirts. For MPs who did not own a vyshyvanka the Interns arranged for vyshyvankas from the St. Vladimir Ukrainian Museum in Toronto and with assistance of MP Borys Wrzesnewskyj, outfitted over 40 MPs and assistants with vyshyvanka. CUPP Interns were joined in the photos by many MPs including the Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, as well as the Hon. Kent Herr, Hon. Chrystia Freeland, Hon. Ralph Goodale, Hon. Mary-Ann Myhichuk, and MPs Marc Miller, Don Rusnak, Peter Fonseca, Terry Duguid, Yvonne Jones, Sven Spengemann, Kate Young, Pam Goldsmith-Jones, Kyle Peterson, Borys Wrzesnewskyj, Randy Boissonnault, Peter Fragiskatos, James Maloney, Cheryl Gallant, Mark Warawa, Jason Kenney, James Bezan, Jim Eglinski, Robert Sopuck, Erin Weir, Gord Johns, Wayne Stetski, Kevin Lamoureux, Senator Raynell Andreychuk, Senator Denise Batters, Julie Dzerowicz, Guests Taylor Hunt (Canada-USA Internship Program), Ambassador Andriy Shevchenko, Borys Gengalo, Danylo Korbabicz, Yuri Derkach, Rosalia Fedak, Maria Podeiko, Maria Lechowich, Lubomyr Chabursky.



"It's been two weeks since the program has come to its end, and I wanted to share my reflections with you.

First of all, let me thank you for everything you are doing for the program, for every intern, and, thus, for Ukraine in general. I know you've heard lots of "thank you" words after each program, but I will keep sending more, because people like you need to be reminded about an amazing impact they are having on us, the alumni, and on Ukrainian society. When I met with Andriy Pivovarskiy, CUPP alumnus and former Minister of Infrastructure, he told me that CUPP experience led him through his whole career. And same will happen to us, fresh alumni of CUPP 2016. I have no doubt in this.

Most of all, thank you for bringing all of these wonderful 33 interns together. I think the most important result of this program is this amazing network of alumni – people who are united by a shared experience which other students who are not CUPPers cannot relate to. As I said during our farewell dinner, "CUPP is about building bridges. Bridges between Canada and Ukraine, between Ukraine and Ukrainian diaspora in Canada, between different parts of Ukraine, represented by 33 Ukrainian interns. Wherever we end up in our life, we will all have a shared memory of our experience on Parliament Hill and, at the same time, a shared responsibility to make a change in Ukraine and for Ukraine."

It's this feeling when you meet Andriy Pivovarskiy – and he is not only a former Minister, he is a CUPPER, and this is what matters the most :) Thank you for all of the friends I acquired during the internship. Those ties are the strongest ones!

Also, I want to thank you for the office I was interning in. I don't know how you assign interns and what is the system of deciding who goes to whose office, but I was lucky. I was truly lucky to get to the office of Bob Saroya, MP for Markham – Unionville. Although he is a newly elected MP, his staff and Bob himself were enormously helpful and ready to answer all of my numerous questions. There were several things that made this experience so rewarding. First of all, I was doing a real job! I was preparing witness backgrounders, doing researches on various topics, learning how to do media scan, visiting meetings of the Committee on Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship with my MP and many others. This is a truly amazing feeling to be a part of the team, a part of the office, and a real staff member. And this is the second thing I liked about my experience – I felt included, not like an intern, but as if I were working in the office. The third thing, which I think is the most important, – I felt my MP's support during the whole period of my internship. He was always there for me – ready to answer questions, talk to me about his beliefs, ask for my opinion and give advice. He didn't miss a single Ukrainian event on the Hill. He came for Vyshyvanka Day, though the Ukrainian shirt didn't fit him. He came and was there for me at the Ukrainian Day, though he had a long day and voting in the House. Bob Saroya is amazing, and so are the members of his team. So if you have a chance to place another CUPP intern to his office in the future, I highly recommend him."

**Viktoria Barbaniuk (CUPP 2016)
Intern to Bob Saroya**



Meeting with Speaker of the House of Commons Geoff Regan

Viktoria BARBANIUK

Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv

University of Wrocław, Poland

2016 Intern to Bob Saroya, Member of Parliament for Markham-Unionville, Ontario

Alexandra and Irene Sukniarsky Scholarship recipient

"I enjoy my job most of the time", the Hon. Geoff Regan described his job as a Speaker of the House of Commons.

What are the main responsibilities of the Speaker? How does the Speaker stay impartial? What are the challenges he/she faces on everyday basis? On May 13, CUPP interns met with the Hon. Geoff Regan, Speaker of the House of Commons, to get answers to these questions.

Geoff Regan was elected as the 36th Speaker of the House of Commons, the first from Atlantic Canada in almost a hundred years, on Dec. 3, 2015. He has served in

Parliament since 1993, when was first elected as the Member from Halifax West, Nova Scotia. Regan later held different positions in government and in opposition, including his role as Parliamentary Secretary to the Leader of the Government in the House of Commons (2001-2003), Minister of Fisheries and Oceans (2003-2006), Vice-Chair of the Standing Committee on Natural Resources (2008-2011).

Speaker Regan told CUPP interns, that traditionally a job of a Speaker of the House of Commons was not desirable and he or she would be dragged to their chair. This prac-

tice comes from British parliamentary tradition, when Speakers risked execution if the news they reported to the King or Queen was displeasing. A ceremony of escorting a Speaker to his or her seat by the Prime Minister and the Leader of the Opposition is still alive in Canada and much depends on artistic skills of a newly elected Speaker, who would have to feign reluctance to take up the chair.

In fact, every Member of Parliament in Canada, who is not a Cabinet minister, is automatically a candidate for the Speaker's position. Thus, those who don't remove their name from the ballot are list-



ed as candidates and are allowed a five-minute speech to persuade their colleagues as to why they should be elected. Through a secret ballot the Speaker should get a majority of votes in order to be selected for the position.

Though speakership is an honourable position, it involves everyday responsibilities. Speaker Regan pointed out three of them, namely, presiding in the House of Commons, administrative duties and international diplomacy. Apart from that, A Speaker of the House of

Commons is an MP who works for his constituency. Still, the main responsibility of the Speaker is to maintain a sound atmosphere in the House in order to ensure constructive debate. When comparing House debate to a soccer game, Regan admitted he only interferes with a debate when it goes out of order, because after all “you do not come to watch a referee.”

Speaker Regan agrees that his job is demanding and involves, one of them being impartiality. To preserve the trust of the House, the

Speaker's actions must be impartial. This means, the Speaker never participates in debate and only votes in case of a tie.

He works to balance the right of the Government to transact business in an orderly manner and the right of all Members to be heard in debate. As Speaker Regan stated, “When you think of the time people have been around on the planet, democracy is like a blink of an eye”. It is a solemn goal of the Speaker to preserve integrity of the House of Commons debate. ■

Meeting with MP Bob Bratina

Marta BASYSTIUK

Central European University, Hungary

National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy

2016 Intern to Bob Bratina, MP for Hamilton East–Stoney Creek, Ontario

Dr. Taras Fecycz Scholarship recipient



One of the most memorable experiences the CUPP program has to offer is the opportunity to attend meetings with MPs from different parties, senators and representatives of various government departments and agencies. Every such meeting teaches us how the Canadian Parliament functions on a day-to-day basis.

So far, one of the most memorable meetings we had was with MP Bob Bratina. At the outset of the meeting, Mr. Bratina managed to keep everyone's attention with his deep knowledge of Canadian history, speaking about historical events that shaped current political traditions and work environment of the Canadian parliament and government. Bob Bratina has shared with us his personal experiences and stories, thus, creating an image of

a modern politician that all of us want to look up to. He explained the importance of obtaining both necessary working experience and

educational qualifications before taking responsibilities for the well-being of other people. In addition, he has highlighted the importance



of always keeping in mind the nature of politics and the role of a modern politician today.

"We must never put ourselves above other people". A politician

must serve the people and in return he will become respected person. This respect should drive one to become a politician. That said, it is also the love for the country and

its people that make a good modern politician and that is what characterizes Bob Bratina and makes him an outstanding member of the parliament. ■



A Two Hour Visit to the Homeland

Daria BATALOVA

National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy

Vinnitsia State Pedagogical University

2016 Intern to Christine Moore, MP for Abitibi-Témiscamingue, Quebec

Atamanchuk Family CUPP Scholarship recipient

The Canada-Ukraine Parliamentary Program is not only about doing an internship in the Parliament, receiving new experience and learning soft skills. This program is also about networking and getting to know inspirational people that can influence the way you perceive the world around you. One of such meetings that CUPP interns 2016 were fortunate to attend was a informal get-together in the Ukrainian Embassy. Upon entering the Embassy, we found ourselves on the premises of Ukraine, which

was pretty exciting since we literally felt at home. Warm welcoming words, hospitable atmosphere and melodic Ukrainian language spoken by someone other than us made us unwind for a moment. Our meeting started with a welcoming speech Andriy Shevchenko, the Ambassador of Ukraine to Canada. He introduced us to his team of professionals and shed light on the work they are doing at the Embassy. Mr. Shevchenko was eager to inform everyone on the objectives the Embassy was trying to reach. Moreover, we discussed

how we as interns could help Canadians learn more about our country. Also, during this conversation we touched upon such issues as the Canada-Ukraine Free Trade Agreement, imprisonment and release of Nadia Savchenko, Crimea and Crimean Tatars, Russian intervention in Donbas, visa liberalization for Ukrainian citizens travelling to Canada. Despite some negative issues that we covered in our talks, we also had a chance to discuss what steps Ukraine is now taking and what reforms are being carried out in order to transform it into a more attractive country to investors. Afterwards, everyone was invited to grab a bite and mingle. We got acquainted with Embassy workers and simply chatted feeling at ease.

In a nutshell, this 2-hour meeting turned out to be not only informative, but also full of sincere storytelling. We drew some inspiration in order to keep spreading the word about Ukraine and promoting its positive image. ■



“I can assure you that irrespective of who has formed the Government, and regardless of the political affiliation of Members of Parliament, the MPs will continue to support Ukraine. With regard to Ukraine, MPs share a common bond. Know this and share this with your fellow Ukrainians.”

**Stephen Harper, Prime Minister of Canada 2006-2015.
From meeting with CUPP 2016 Interns on May 18, 2016.**



Weekends at Otter Lake, Quebec. From L to R_ Bozhena Ovcharenko, Solomia Chabursky, Lubomyr Chabursky, Sviatoslav Kokhan and Marko Orshynskyy.



Weekends at Otter Lake, Quebec. From L to R_ Marko Orshynskyy, Sviatoslav Kokhan, Solomia Chabursky and Bozhena Ovcharenko.



Meeting with The Honourable Ed Fast

Oleh FEDAY

York University

2016 Intern to Kate Young, MP for London West, Ontario

Ramon Hnatyshyn 2016 Scholarship

CUPP interns had the pleasure of meeting The Honourable Ed Fast who was appointed to the Standing Committee of Canadian Heritage and the Standing Committee for Transport, Infrastructure and Communities during his first term and later in 2011, Mr. Fast was appointed Minister of International Trade by Prime Minister Harper.

Our meeting was informal in its nature as Mr. Fast was in a rush and he only had thirty or so minutes to address our questions and tell us about his work on the Hill. He began his talk on international trade, his work on various free trade agreements and their relation to

Canadian and global economies. Mr. Fast is very fond of FTA's, however he underlined the importance of frameworks, legal and legislation systems behind them. The same principles applied when he talked about Petition-33. He said that Ukraine needs to improve its current visa acceptance rate before such petition could be passed as it could harm both Canada and Ukraine. When answering questions about the free trade agreement between Canada and Ukraine, Mr. Fast told us that he was a strong supporter, but also noted that this agreement is more beneficial to Ukraine than it is to Canada and that Ukrainians should welcome this idea. When working

on the agreement.

Another topic of interest was Canada – Russia relations in regards to the new Liberal Government. Mr. Fast said that his government has always been supportive of Ukraine and was one of the first countries to place sanctions on Russia. However, he is not certain of the Liberal Government stand on Russia, but he foresees changes in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs that could be more beneficial to Russia rather than Ukraine. He then said that the Conservative government stands behind the territorial sovereignty of Ukraine and the annexation of Crimea is simply unacceptable. ■



Meeting with The Honourable Bardish Chagger

Sofiya GOT

Danylo Halytsky Lviv National Medical University
Ivan Franko National University of Lviv

2016 Intern to James Maloney, MP for Etobicoke–Lakeshore, Ontario
Walter Surma Tarnopolsky CUPP Scholarship recipient



On National Vyshyvanka Day CUPP interns had a very special meeting with The Minister of Small Business and Tourism The Honourable Bardish Chagger. She is a young, ambitious and energetic woman whose energy was spread all around the room. Furthermore, she showed her great respect to Ukrainian traditions by wearing Vyshyvanka on that day.

Ms. Chagger makes an impression of a very smart and strong woman. She proves it by what she is doing and the result of her work also shows that she is very competent and professional. At the meeting, Chagger said that she felt really lucky to have a job that doesn't

feel like work. For her, politics has been such a big part of her life it's almost a hobby. Ms. Chagger is a natural leader who has a deep understanding of the issues that are important to Canadians. She works hard to foster diversity within the community providing opportunities for social and economic engagement, including manufacturing, technology and innovation. We had a chance to meet Ms. Chagger at many events in the Parliament and to listen to her speeches. She was very passionate about her work and future ideas.

We appreciated that Ms. Chagger made this meeting informal allowing for a free flow of conversation

and information. Minister Chagger was very sincere and easygoing. She told us about her parents and her childhood. Ms. Chagger is very proud of her parents' Indian heritage. However, she said that her identity has always been Canadian. We've heard many funny stories and each of us have gained some personal experience from that communication. Minister Chagger became a great inspiration for such young people as us and she managed to ignite the lights in each of us which, I'm sure, will lead us to a great success in our communities. ■





Meeting with The Honourable Rona Ambrose

Volodymyr KOBRYN

University of Economics in Bratislava
 National Technical University of Ukraine “Kyiv Polytechnic Institute”
 Lutsk National Technical University
 Lublin University of Technology, Poland
 Lehigh University, the USA
 2016 Intern to Cathay Wagantall, MP for Yorkton–Melville, Saskatchewan
 Humeniuk Family CUPP Scholarship recipient

On April 20th, 2016 interns of the 25th Canada-Ukraine Parliamentary Program, coming from Ukrain-

ian and European seats of learning had an incredible opportunity to meet with the interim leader of

the Conservative Party of Canada and an Official Leader of the Opposition, the Honourable Rona Ambrose.

During an animated conversation, Ukrainian interns found out that Ms. Ambrose held several cabinet positions in spheres of Environment, Intergovernmental Affairs, Western Economic Diversification, Labour, Public Works and Government Services Canada, Receiver General, Status of Women, Regional Minister of Northern Alberta, and Health before becoming the interim leader of the Conservative party of Canada. Another outstanding fact about Ms. Ambrose is that when appointed to be a Minister of Environment in 2006, she appeared to be the youngest woman to be appointed to the Cabinet in Canadian history. As Environment Minister, Ms. Ambrose introduced the Clean Air Act (CAA) and called for a new international agreement, which would include all major emitters, a position now adopted by the international community in the Copenhagen Accord. As Minister for the Status of Women, she worked tirelessly to address the problem of violence against women and girls. She has shown leadership by raising awareness of “honour killings” in Canada and promoting equal rights for aboriginal women. Ms. Ambrose has shown to CUPP interns that she is an outgoing leader in many ways, especially when it comes to her approach to-




 THE HON. RONA AMBROSE, P.C., M.P.
 L'HO. RONA AMBROSE, C.P., M.P.
 LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION / CHEF DE L'OPPOSITION OFFICIELLE



wards parliamentary politics. She manages to combine a strong standpoint against the members of the opposing party, while maintaining a deep respect towards them and their opinions at the same time. She has explained that after all, the work which is done on Parliament Hill is for the good of the Canadian people no matter which party it comes from. Ms. Ambrose has set a fine exam-

ple of a leader. However, she points out that “human touch” is no less important asset, as it creates a circle of trust between her and people whom she serves. She has brilliantly demonstrated it by expressing a great interest in Canada-Ukraine Parliamentary Program and Ukrainian society. Finally, Ms. Ambrose has expressed her great support towards Ukraine and its issues. She stated

that the relationship between Canada and Ukraine has always been of great importance for both countries.

Canada-Ukraine Parliamentary Program interns are very grateful to the Honourable Rona Ambrose for the opportunity to meet with such an outstanding leader, who taught extremely valuable lessons and inspired us to move forward. ■

Meeting with MP James Bezan

Nazar KOMNATSKYY

University of Warsaw
University of Kent, the UK

2016 Intern to Shannon Stubbs, MP for Lakeland, Alberta
Malanchuk Family CUPP Scholarship recipient



CUPP interns were lucky to attend the meeting with a true friend of Ukraine and an exemplary politician Hon James Bezan, Member of Parliament for Selkirk–Interlake and Her Majesty’s Official Opposition Critic for National Defence. Mr. Bezan found sufficient time to impressively address most of our questions on the variety of issues during a very schedule-tight day, and coincidentally his own birthday. As the group had a chance to meet with James on some occasions before, the meeting was held on a very friendly, informal and productive tone. So, after birthday wishes we dived into a constructive discussion.

We touched the questions related to the Canadian security and foreign policy. It was very exciting to discuss major issues with someone who has an important role in constructing the policy agenda, has own independent vision on the

course that Canada should pursue. Instead, James Bezan has been very proactive in his positions. And not only in his special field of interest. He created and supported several crucial legislation in other directions than military, amongst them, a M-309 motion – aiming to increase benefits for parents of critically ill children, and a number of other Private Member’s Bill.

One of the major contributions on behalf of Ukraine on James’s list was passing the bill in the 39th Parliament which established “Holodomor” – Ukrainian Famine of 1932-33 as an act of genocide. Given his extensive and firm support to Ukraine and criticism of the architect of problems coming from Russia, Vladimir Putin, James was given a “badge of honour” in 2014 – a ban from travelling to Russia.



In addition to the situation in the Eastern Ukraine, the discussion headed towards the future of Ukraine. James reflected that he believed the passion of the Ukrainians at work will be one of the strong sides for the prosperous future. He mentioned that he noticed great opportunities in agriculture, information technologies and infra-

structure segments in Ukraine, and thinks we should work on those. As a person who had an opportunity to speak in private to the three last Ukrainian presidents, and engage into projects connected to Ukraine we sometimes had a feeling that Mr. Bezan knows about Ukrainian politics more than we do.

What impressed our interns most, however, during the discussion was James's openness, proficiency and reasonability. He is one of those politicians who knows what he is doing. And he is doing it for a greater cause, for the people, for Canada and for Ukraine. And this is exactly what we are grateful for. ■



Meeting with The Honourable Jason Kenney

Olha KOTLYARSKA
National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy
2016 Intern to Ted Falk, MP for Provencher, Manitoba
Edward Schreyer CUPP Scholarship recipient



Dmytro TKACHUK
National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy
2016 Intern to the Hon. Jason Kenney, MP for Calgary Midnapore, Alberta
Lucy Hicks CUPP Scholarship recipient



On May 12th, 2016, CUPP-2016 Interns, after a lot of meetings with

Senators, MP's, and other distinguished persons, met with the

Honorable Jason Kenney. Having heard a lot of wonderful and exciting things about Jason Kenney from the interns Dmytro Tkachuk and Evelina Ibrayimova who work in his office, we expected nothing less than a productive and interesting talk. Indeed, the meeting, to say the least, lived up to our expectations, and even exceeded them.

Mr. Kenney is one of the top MP's of the Conservative party. Having worked in this sphere for quite a long time, he has a very special insight into the world of politics, which he eagerly shared with us. Since the Honourable Jason Kenney has worked in three different spheres, namely, citizenship and

immigration, employment, and national defense and multiculturalism, his perspective and experience provoked many questions from the interns. Thankfully, most of them were answered, as Mr. Kenney even agreed to prolong the allocated time.

The questions were of various nature, and related to Mr. Kenney's position regarding the revoking of the citizenship for the people involved in separatist activities; his favorite sphere of work during the last 15 years; opinion regarding the refugee crisis. Apart from that, interns were interested in hearing the thoughts of how Ukraine can strengthen its position through the sphere of communication. In this regard the MP emphasized that Ukraine should not only focus on tragedies and suffering, although history should be repeatedly presented to the world, but also work on progress and reforms, forming the face of a new and strong Ukraine.

The list of the abovementioned questions is exhaustive to say the least. It was impressive that Mr. Kenney could give a very structured, full with the knowledge of the subject, answer. Apart from that, when the questions touched the decisions that the Honorable Jason Kenney had to make throughout the political career, he convincingly demonstrated that he has always done what he believed was right and good, and not what could boost his career but bring disastrous consequences for the people and the state.

Finally, Mr. Kenney stressed that "My goal in politics is not to inspire some higher office – its empty ambition. My goal is to achieve great things." Over the course of elaboration on this topic the Honorable Jason Kenney explained that he is not driven by the personal ambi-



tion, but by the convictions for which he stands. This powerful message led us to thinking that Ukraine would highly benefit from the politicians with the similar values and beliefs.

The interns were impressed by Mr. Kenney's address and concluded

that he was one of the most impressive and able MPs they had met.

CUPPers-2016 are very grateful to have had a meeting with the Honorable Jason Kenney, whose answers were open and honest, which was greatly appreciated. ■



Meeting with MP Borys Wrzesnewskij

Roman LOZYNSKYI

Ukrainian Catholic University

Ivan Franko National University of Lviv

2016 Intern to Borys Wrzesnewskij, MP for Etobicoke Centre, Ontario

Michael Starr CUPP Scholarship recipient

Canada-Ukraine Parliamentary Program has many partners and concerned people, who believe in the importance of this program. One of the good friends of our program is Borys Wrzesnewskij, MP for Toronto.

Borys always supports Ukrainians in their struggle for independence and democracy. Especially noticeable was his help during the Orange Revolution, when Boris organized hundreds of observers from Canada to Ukraine presidential election. Currently Borys is the

chairman of the Committee on immigration and citizenship in the Canadian Parliament, and actively communicates information about the actions in Ukraine. In addition Borys is the chairman of Canada-Ukraine Friendship group which supports all initiatives regarding to the development of Ukraine-Canada relations.

On May 4th, Borys organized a meeting with the interns – a "Pizza-beer" party, where every supported intern had the opportunity to talk to an experienced politician

in an informal setting and get answers to questions.

Borys helped interns in organizing Ukrainian day on Parliament Hill, held on 30 May. The main purpose of the event was the promotion of Ukraine among MPs and parliamentary staff and especially satisfying was that this year our event was visited by over a hundred guests, including 30 MPs.

We're very grateful to Mr. Borys Wrzesnewskij for his support and love for Ukraine. ■



Meeting with MP Jim Eglinski

Levko ORSHYNSKY

National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy
2016 Intern to Julie Dzerowicz, MP for Davenport, Ontario
Emil Telizyn CUPP Scholarship recipient



On Friday 13th May 2016 CUPP interns met William James "Jim" Eglinski, the most cheerful Member of Parliament we could meet. As it was Friday 13th and most of the interns were tired after another productive day on Parliament Hill everybody expected the meeting to be very formal and we didn't know what was to take place.

When you look at Jim you see a stocky serious man with a military posture and appearance that inspires respect. In fact, it turned out that he is a very simple person in the most positive way as a person could be. Jim Eglinski is a member of the Conservative Party of Canada who was elected to represent the riding of Yellowhead in the House of Commons of Canada in the 2015 election and managed to maintain the stronghold by taking 62.6 percent of the vote. Jim was born and raised in Alberta on a farm and that is how he explained

his ability to communicate well with different people no matter whether they are other Members of Parliament or ordinary people from his constituency. Prior to his election, he served in the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, which he joined at the age of 19 and completed 35 years of service in the Province of British Columbia. After his retirement he continued his public service by serving two terms on Council for the City of Fort St. John, B.C.

In the meeting with CUPP interns Mr. Eglinski greeted each intern personally shaking hands and. Everybody was hungry, so Mr. Eglinski offered pizza to interns and only when everybody finished eating the fascinating conversation started.

Firstly, Jim told us about his life path and background so we could understand that his career success is a result of hard work and

each of us can reach the same goals in life. Afterwards he explained how he is dealing with his duties and the main point was the importance of the cooperation and dialogue with the people in his constituency. The ability to understand people and to help them as Mr. Eglinski mentioned is a key what makes him very likeable.

"You just have to talk to people, approach their small communities. Never think that you are better than anybody else. Treat everybody the way you want to be treated." – the words of wisdom and inspiration from Jim that give a great understanding how personalized Canadian government is and how this approach positively affects people's lives.

I am glad that CUPP 2016 interns met with Jim Eglinski. ■





A Tour to the Supreme Court of Canada

Oksana MATIASH

Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv
2016 Intern to Colin Carrie, MP for Oshawa, Ontario
Volodymyr Hrynyk CUPP Scholarship recipient

The beginning of the 2016 Canada-Ukraine Parliamentary Program was marked, among other things, by the visit of interns to the Supreme Court of Canada, which is the highest court of the country. For me and several other interns who have already obtained or are obtaining law degree, this was a

unique opportunity to get acquainted with the common-law system of Canada, which differs so much from the continental law system of Ukraine.

As soon as we entered the Court, I was amazed by the beauty of its premises and a truly historical atmosphere prevailing in its halls. Our tour started with a small introduction to the judiciary system of Canada in general followed by a

session of questions from the interns. During this session we found out about the history of the Supreme Court of Canada, the structure of the Canadian court system, procedures of the Court and justice appointments in Canada. It was very interesting to know that the Canadian judicial system may be seen as constituting a pyramid, with a broad base formed by the provincial and territorial courts, and the Supreme Court of Canada sits at the top of the pyramid, being Canada's final court of appeal. After that, we moved to the main session hall of the Court where our guide explained us more about the day-to-day work of the Court and its current judges. In particular, we were told that the Supreme Court of Canada consists of the Chief Justice of Canada and eight puisne judges appointed by the Governor in Council. Interesting fact is that the word "puisne" is derived from the ancient French word "puiné", which means "younger". It is used at the Court to distinguish the Chief Justice from the other judges.

Personally, I was happy to find out that current Chief Justice of Canada (who chairs the Court) is Beverley McLachlin, PC, the first woman to hold this position, and the longest serving Chief Justice of Canada in history. This has once again convinced me that Canada is the country of equal rights and opportunities for everyone, regardless of one's sex, age, nationality or political views. ■





The Canada-Ukraine Business Forum was held in Toronto on June 20, 2016. The Ukrainian Delegation included Infrastructure, Transportation and Logistics Minister Volodymyr Omelian (CUPP 1999). At the opening of the session, he stated, "In 1999 as a student who was chosen to serve an internship in the Canadian Parliament, I underwent an internal transformation. I became convinced that Ukraine can change and that I would become involved in that important transformational change. Thank you Pane Bardyn."

CUPP Interns Meeting with Auditor General of Canada



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It was an honour for CUPP interns to meet with Mr. Michael Ferguson who has been served as the Auditor General of Canada since November, 2011. According to Canadian legislation, his mandate is designed for 10 years.

Despite the fact of an extremely intense schedule, our group had very fruitful and open 90-minute discussion about the details of auditing & revision of public accounts of the federal government and crown corporations.

Mr. Ferguson began our meeting by explaining to us main responsibilities of the Auditor General Office, and its mandate to govern the Nunavut, the Yukon, the Northwest Territories and territorial corporations and agencies. The Office of

the Auditor General has 3 main fields of activities: financial audits,

performance audit and special examinations.



Later on we had many questions answered. In particular, CUPP interns were interested in the system of checks & balances of the Office of Auditor of General. Mr. Ferguson mentioned that, according to the Canadian law, the Auditor General is appointed by the federal government. As for transparency and controlling, the Auditor General is supervised by the Board. Also, in case of wrongdoings the Auditor General co-operates with the Office of the Attorney General of Canada. Overall, the mandate for his position has no commitment to report to any branches of power. For effectiveness of this model questioned by Ukrainian interns, Mr. Ferguson

emphasised that this model can be only successful in case of strong tradition and trust culture. Otherwise, said Mr. Auditor General, there is no point to have such a counterbalancing institution among the branches of power.

Later on Mr. Ferguson was asked about the «Big Fish» cases during his service in the Office and a special mandate for intervention into revising of business of the Senate. Additionally, the Auditor General told us about the outcomes of the activities of the Office. In particular, Mr. Ferguson mentioned about delivering of auditing results as well as providing recommendations on improvement of the federal government agencies and crown

corporations.

Finally, we discussed additional activities of the Office of the Auditor General such as cooperation with consulting and accounting firms and non-partisanship. The meeting was very intense and productive, so a number of people asked about further internship opportunities for CUPP interns.

Personally, given my professional background in accounting & auditing and my interest in public sector, I found this meeting very relevant for myself as well as for our group. I believe, all of us have got some takeaways in terms of better understanding of auditing and revision of public spending's and what could be improved back in Ukraine. ■



Canadian Mother to Ukraine: Meeting with the Senator Raynell Andreychuk

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The senator was waiting for the interns to arrive in a spacious conference room located on the ground floor of the oldest Parliament building – East Bloc. She looked stunning in her stylish peach colour skirt suit and with immaculate hairstyle. She kindly greeted the interns and willing to chat with everyone, creating a natural and welcoming atmosphere. Senator Raynell Andreychuk could be worthily called Ukraine's best friend in Canada. During her years in politics she has done an invaluable

able job promoting democratic development and strengthening civil society in Ukraine. For her support and devotion to the country of her ancestry, the Senator was banned from traveling to Russia under retaliatory sanctions imposed by Russian President Vladimir Putin in March 2014.

She was born in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, the Province with the highest percentage of Ukrainians in Canada, with over 27% in some ridings, to a family of peasants. With a Bachelor's degree in law from the University of Saskatchewan she has worked as a practicing lawyer for about 20 years, before she was appointed associate deputy minister of social services in the local government. She has served in various positions in the diplomatic sphere, including as Canada's High Commissioner to Kenya and Uganda, ambassador to Somalia and the Comoros, and to Portugal and eventually Canada's permanent representative to the United Nations Environmental Programme, the United Nations Human Settlements Programme, and the United Nations Human Rights Commission.

Her invaluable legal and diplomatic experience resulted in her being called to the Senate by Governor General Ray Hnatyshyn, her compatriot, on the advice of Prime Minister Brian Mulroney. Thus, she became the first woman from Saskatchewan to serve as a senator.

Celebrating her Ukrainian roots, Senator Andreychuk has always been an active member in the Ukrainian Canadian community.

She urged recognition of the Ukrainian famine 1932-1933 as genocide and established a Ukrainian Famine and Genocide (Holodomor) Memorial Day. In September 2013, she was awarded the St. Volodymyr the Great Medal, the high-

est award of the Ukrainian World Congress, in recognition of her contributions to the defence of fundamental human rights and freedoms, and furthering democracy in Ukraine.

Over the years she has also held a membership in the Ukrainian Canadian Congress, Ukrainian Business and Professional Club. Senator Andreychuk was also the Honorary Chair of the Ukrainian Canadian Congress 75th Anniversary Commemoration of Holodomor activities in Canada. She is currently Honorary Patron of the Kobzar Literary Award, established by the Shevchenko Foundation.

Since the independence of Ukraine, Senator Andreychuk has been a member and Chair of the Canada-Ukraine Legislative Project, and remains a Vice-Chair of the Canada-Ukraine Parliamentary Friendship Group.

In June 2010, Senator Andreychuk was awarded the World Federation of Ukrainian Women's Organizations' Woman of Distinction Award, for her dedication and commitment to promoting freedom, democracy and human rights throughout the world.

In May 2008 Senator Andreychuk was awarded the Order of Prince Yaroslav the Wise medal, for her substantial contribution in the development of Ukrainian-Canadian relations. She is also a recipient of the Taras Shevchenko Medal, the Ukrainian Nation Builders Award, and a Special Lifetime Achievement Award from the Ukrainian Canadian Professional and Business Association of Calgary.

During her presentation to the interns, Senator Andreychuk talked about her family, childhood, and of the importance of Ukrainian in her life. She also informed us as to the structure and main functions of the Senate. Each of the four main re-

gions (Ontario, Quebec, Maritime and Western provinces) is assigned to 24 seats, while the rest is divided between the smaller ones. Thus, the Senate consists of 105 members, who are appointed by the General Governor lifelong, but have right to serve until the age of 75.

For legislation to be passed, the approval of both chambers, the Senate and the House of Commons, is required. Although it does not happen too often, the Senate can reject bills passed by the parliamentarians. The Senator emphasized the importance of multi-lateral approaches to analysing each draft and persistence in proving the outcome.

Raynell Andreychuk also told us the story of 'the Famous Five' (Emily Murphy, Irene Marryat Parlyby, Nellie Mooney McClung, Louise Crummy McKinney and Henrietta Muir Edwards) and their fight for women's rights to be appointed to the Senate, as until 1930th the upper Chamber was entirely male dominated. A petition was drafted to ask the question: 'Does the word 'Persons' in Section 24 of the British North America Act, 1867, include female persons?' The Person's Case, as it was later titled, was revised in the 1929 and women finally gained their right to be elected as senators with the first to be elected Cairine Reay Wilson, a Quebecker. Nearly 80 years later, on 8 October 2009, the Senate voted to make the five the first 'honorary senators'.

The Senator ended the meeting with her personal 'question period'. Answering questions on various topics ranging from internal governance and the Ukrainian police, to foreign policy of Ukraine and situation in the Middle East, she graciously answered so many questions, that the meeting over-

ran by 15 minutes, consequently making the ambassador of Kuwait, whom she had a meeting arranged with, wait for her.

She spoke with the interns warmly, with love and compassion in her voice as if she was a caring mother to the very last of us; the same

way as she has always been to Ukraine. ■



Meeting with German Ambassador Werner Wnendt

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The interns of Canada-Ukraine Parliamentary Program were honored to have a meeting with the Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany to Canada, Werner Wnendt.

Mr. Werner Wnendt previously served as Assistant Deputy Minister for Culture and Communication at the Federal Foreign Office in Berlin. Mr. Wnendt was Head of

the OSCE Mission in Kosovo, having previously completed an assignment as Senior Deputy High Representative of the International Community to Bosnia and Herzegovina from 2003 to 2005.

Our meeting with Ambassador Werner Wnendt was of a significant importance, since Germany plays an important role in responding to the crisis in Ukraine. Many

interns had a concern of whether it is possible for Germany to cease the sanctions against certain Russian individuals and entities. The Ambassador reassured us, that Germany will continue to support Ukraine and will keep their sanctions against Russia until the Minsk Agreements will be fulfilled, that Germany will never accept armed takeover of Crimea, and Russian aggression in the Eastern Ukraine. Chancellor of Germany, Angela Merkel, in fact got the EU to unanimously agree to impose sanctions on Russian individuals and entities, and hopefully the EU will remain being united in support for Ukraine.

Therefore, we are very thankful to Ambassador Werner Wnendt for his time and sharing his knowledge and experience with us. I do believe that many interns want their work to be connected with EU law, EU relationships, and I am sure that this was not the last our meeting with a representative of the Federal Republic of Germany. ■



Meeting with Speaker of Senate George Furey

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The interns of Canada-Ukraine Parliamentary Program were honored to have a meeting with a Speaker of Senate George Furey, whose major duty is to preside over the Senate's proceedings, to ensure the orderly flow of debate, and to interpret parliamentary rules. After introducing himself, Mr. George Furey explained the role of Senate in Canada and the symbols which one can find in the Senate Chamber.

The Senate, or the upper house in Canada's bicameral parliamentary democracy, is a place where senators from Canada's provinces and territories meet to consider and debate legislation. Its leading role is to provide Parliament with a second chance to consider bills before

they are passed. Besides, Senators may pass bills, propose amendments to them or vote to defeat them.

It is necessary to emphasize that Senate proceedings are open to the public, thus everyone has an opportunity to listen to the debates in both official languages, English and French.

As Mr. George Furey has explained the Senate Chamber is adorned with artistic expressions in order to remind the senators of all the people and country they serve. The coffered ceiling depicts the French fleur-de-lys, the English lion, the Irish harp, the Welsh dragon, the Scottish thistle, together with Canadian maple leaves which reflect the nationalities of

Canada's early European settlers. The interns had a chance to ask all the questions they were interested in, particularly one of them was on how to make the Senate even more democratic. Mr. George Furey emphasized that certain changes have already been made, such as the creation of a team by PM Justin Trudeau, which will select Senate candidates. The effectiveness of this process prescribes that Candidates will have to meet specific standards, including a demonstrated record of achievement and leadership.

Therefore, the meeting was very educational and we all are very thankful to Mr. George Furey for his time and sharing his knowledge and experience with us. ■





Library of Parliament: Research, Analysis, Education

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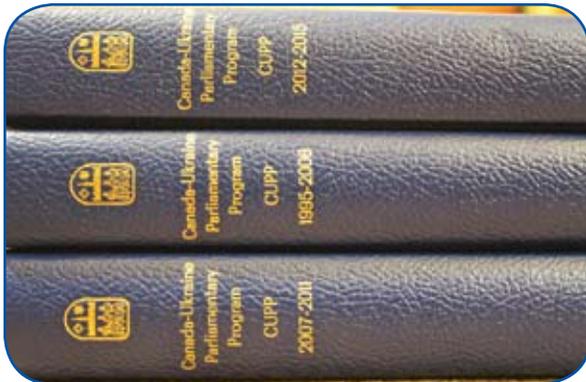
When one thinks of research, writing a piece or simply gaining in-depth knowledge on certain topic – library always pops up in mind. Interns of Canada-Ukraine Parliamentary Program are lucky enough to visit and make use of the Parliamentary Library during their intern-

ship in Ottawa.

History of the Parliamentary Library stems from legislative libraries which were first formed in 1790s. Since the provincial capitals were changing until 1867, the Library always followed the parliament: from Kingston to Montreal to

Quebec city and finally settled in Ottawa. The Library managed to live through the fire of 1916 thanks to iron doors which prevented the fire from breaking in.

The Library of Parliament primarily serves as a source of research. However, in the last decades it ob-



tained the analysis mandate, which means that library analysts do research on certain topics if requested by the Members of Parliament. Besides, the library offers a range of educational trainings and lectures on current issues for parliamentary staff including interns. For example, on April, 21 the interns of Canada-Ukraine Parliamentary Program attended the lecture regarding Special session of the UN General Assembly on the world

drug problem.

The sources of the Library are being constantly accumulated and often used by the members of parliament in their work.

Interns of Canada-Ukraine Parliamentary Program had a chance to meet Sonia L'Heureux, the first woman appointed as Parliamentary Librarian. It was an honor to present volumes of CUPP newsletters collection for the last 25 years of program's life.

Sonia L'Heureux shared some insights with us regarding her work in the Library of Parliament:

How does it feel to be the first woman appointed as head of the Parliamentary Library?

– I feel it has been a good assign-

ment. There was often male-dominated environment at my previous workplaces, however, there is good gender balance here. In fact, gender balance has existed at the executive level of Parliamentary Library for about last 10 years.

What has been the biggest breakthrough in the Library's development since it was founded?

– I would say, it's the analytical work we do. About 50 years ago the Library of Parliament was mandated with doing analytical work for parliamentarians and committees. That means we shifted from just collecting information to explaining in detail what it means.

Do you see many interns working at the library?

– Yes, I see interns quite often here. Members of Parliament usually ask them to connect with us and find information. For us there is no difference between Members of Parliament and staff in their offices. If there is a need, we provide for it.

What changes does the Parliamentary Library have to go through now?

– First of all, the way people work with information is changing very quickly. We should be able to anticipate how people will work in 15-20 years from now. I would say, our primary need now is to digitize all information that we have in the library. ■

CUPP Visit to the U.S. Embassy in Ottawa

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Canada-Ukraine Parliamentary Program has opened many doors for 2016 CUPP interns. New doors were opened when we visited the U.S. Embassy in Ottawa. We have been honored and privileged to meet with Political Minister Counselor Mr. Matthew Boyse, who was so kind to answer all our questions and hold a productive meeting.

We took this opportunity to discuss the U.S. relations with Ukraine. In the course of the meeting we exchanged our views regarding the prospects of bilateral interaction in the sphere of national defense.



Special attention was paid to the sanctions which the U.S. has imposed on Russia, when the latter breached its international obligations. All the interns actively participated in the discussion and shared their own thoughts regarding perspectives of the Ukrainian politics. Apart from that the interns also got a chance to find out about the United States and its significant relationship with Canada. Both coun-

tries work in tight cooperation, partnership and alliance. We came to realize the United States Embassy in Ottawa creates a bridge between places, people and ideas. This meeting has strengthened our understanding and created a very special understanding of the relationship between the U.S and Ukraine. In the end, Mr. Boyse has expressed his big support and com-

mitment to Ukraine.

The U.S. has had an official diplomatic presence in Canada since 1827. The current Embassy consolidates more than 10 Embassy-related offices and houses more than 200 people. The United States is Canada's single largest trading partner and has many policies and treaties in place to allow for such a strong and long lasting relationship. ■

Ukrainian Parliamentary Interns Inspired by Senate Speaker



Young Ukrainians will return to Europe inspired by Canadian democracy after they met with Speaker of the Senate George Furey.

Speaker Furey addressed 35 Ukrainian interns to share with them the lessons he's gleaned from his years of public service. His invitation to meet and take questions from the interns was fuelled by his own passion for education.

"Having worked in the field of education for several years in Newfoundland and Labrador, I attach a particular importance to educational programs and internships, such as the Canada-Ukraine Parliamentary Program, as they offer opportunities to gain knowledge, skills and values in a unique way. During your internship, not only will you learn about our political system and how it functions, but it will help you acquire key qualities to become the future leaders and decision makers of your country," shared Speaker Furey during the meeting.



Oksana Matiash



Evelina Ibraimova

Oksana Matiyash

"In Ukraine, we have nothing like this," she said. "Once we're back in Ukraine we'll for sure take part in reforms based on the experiences gained here in Canada."

Evelina Ibraimova said programs like this one are central to Canada's promotion of democracy abroad.

"This program helps us learn from Canada and bring experience and knowledge back home," Ibraimova said. "Lots of former interns in this very program are now in government as ministers or MPs and the majority of us want to pursue careers in public service."

Source: <https://sencaplus.ca/en/news/ukrainian-parliamentary-interns-inspired-by-senate-speaker>



The interns are working on Parliament Hill for a two-month period as part of the Canada-Ukraine Parliamentary Program, an initiative that's brought over 800 young Ukrainians to the Hill over the past 25 years to get an inside look at Canada's Parliament Oksana Matiyash said she felt motivated and energized by Speaker Furey's speech.

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The Canadian Parliament's Centre Block Tour

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I would like to share my thoughts and impressions on one of the first tours that I've had in Ottawa.

The Centre Block and the Peace Tower probably attract the most attention to those who visit Ottawa. Every tiny detail of the building reflects history, customs and traditions of the country. The gothic architecture impresses with its grandeur. The Centre Block houses the House of Commons, Senate and the Library which all are of the particular interest. The House of Commons is an elected component of



the Parliament and what is noticeable from the first sight is the green color of the room, which predominates, whereas the Senate is of the red color, which represents the royalty. There are seats for the Queen, her consort and the Speaker of the Senate which stand out when you come into the Senate. Moreover, there is a sculpture of Queen Victoria, the first queen of Canada, in the Library. The amount of books is so enormous that if you stock them up in a pile, it will probably be more than 7 km long. Furthermore, the traditions are well

preserved here. For example, the Speaker of the House of Commons has to be literally dragged into the building. The speakership was considered to be a deadly job in the early days, especially if the speaker had to deliver unwelcome news to the monarch.

Apart from marvelous architecture and traditions, the Queen Victoria painting grasps attention because of one of her hands being shorter than the other. The Queen hated the painting and sent it to Canada. While being shipped, the painting accidentally caught fire 2 times

and both 2 times it was saved so that it would be cut out. As a result, half of the crown on the painting cannot be seen.

To conclude, there is a wonderful quote by John Berger: "The relation between what we see and what we know is never settled. Each evening we see the sun set. We know that the earth is turning away from it. Yet the knowledge, the explanation, never quite fits the sight." No matter how much you know about the place, you would not be able to get a full impression without visiting it. ■



Ukrainian Leaders on Parliament Hill – Canada-Ukraine Parliamentary Program 2016

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One of the best illustrations of close Canada-Ukraine ties is Canada-Ukraine Parliamentary Programme (CUPP), which is Canada's first program of assist-

ance to Ukraine. It was initiated in 1990 by Mr. Ihor W. Bardyn, Chair of Ukrainian Studies Foundation of Toronto as a commemoration of the Centennial of Ukrainian group

immigrating to Canada.

Maintaining close relations between Canada and Ukraine has always been among the priorities for both countries due to their closely

interconnected history. Four waves of migration from Ukraine to Canada resulted in the emergence of the world's second largest Ukrainian diaspora behind that of Russia. Migration started in the year 1892, and accordingly promoted establishment of close ties between Canada and Ukraine developing for over a hundred years.

The very first wave of migration that took place in the 1891-1914 was predominantly agricultural settling around Edmonton and Winnipeg. Similarly the second wave settlers (1923-1939), who were mostly workers and professionals, concentrated in the provinces of Alberta and Manitoba. The third wave of migration that took place between 1945-1961 was mostly settling in Southern Ontario and Quebec, and has contributed greatly to the development of agriculture, forestry, railways and mining. Since the 1991, when independence of Ukraine was proclaimed and the country appeared to be going through deep economic and political crisis, the last wave of migration started, this time, mostly highly qualified specialists or university students settling around Toronto and Montreal.

Canada was the first Western country to recognize Ukraine's independence and since then has always been one of its closest allies. The Canadian government demonstrated valuable support to Ukraine from the beginning of Euromaidan and especially Russian intervention. Canada has provided so much needed financial aid for modernization and democratic development, as well as a wide range of humanitarian support: from non-lethal military supplies, to military outfit, and even conducted military trainings for Ukrainian soldiers.

This year is very remarkable for CUPP as it celebrates its 25th An-

niversary. Every year CUPP becomes a life changing experience for talented Ukrainian youth and this time it is not an exception. 34 individuals came here to learn, observe and experience the work of one of the most democratic parliaments in the world, feel the atmosphere of rule of law and respect for human rights, meet with locals, taste local cuisine and simply enjoy the lovely city of Ottawa.

The time interns spend in Canada is also a great time to look at our values and reflect on what we can change in order to become better people and citizens of Ukraine. As the result, each intern is able to bring important values and practices, which he or she is gaining during the Internship. By understanding the importance of the contribution and interaction for the Ukrainian future CUPP can have a positive impact on the Ukraine's social, economic and intellectual development.

We see how MPs, Senators and Ministers work, communicate and cooperate with each other and it draws a model of behaviour in our future professional and personal life. We experience Canada in every aspect of life, we interact with Ukrainian diaspora, find a huge support from the Embassy of Ukraine in Canada but what is more important, we all struggle to achieve common goal – retake the positive experience of Canada and then benefit for our Motherland.

Furthermore, some of the interns have an opportunity to be involved in the Canadian community by visiting riding of their Members of Parliament. It is a great chance to look at the communication between politicians and

locals, to understand the level of influence on the governmental decisions.

On the basis of this experience, interns as a future leaders will have a chance to implement fresh ideas for the public control of democracy and government in Ukraine which will help to minimize in the future the embarrassing corruption and bribery which spread over Ukraine.

During 25 years, owing to philanthropists within the Ukrainian diaspora in Canada and the USA over a thousand of young talented Ukrainians and 24 Canadian students have already managed to implement their experience working on governmental and parliamentary positions, as well as being involved in the non-governmental sector developing civil society, promoting democratic transformation and establishing open and accountable government in Ukraine.

The significant achievements of the CUPP alumni prove the outstanding success of the program for the democratic development of Ukraine. The Program's founder and Director Mr. Ihor W. Bardyn is doing his best to continue the internship program for at least another 25 years. At the same time, CUPP Alumni together with the current CUPPers are conducting various campaigns in order to make it possible for many more interns to get this unforgettable experience on Parliament Hill and make a real change for the future of Ukraine. ■





Celebration of Easter

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Even far from Ukraine CUPP interns had a chance to feel at home by celebrating Easter. Wonderful Ukrainian family of Lubomyr Chabursky hosted us in their house for celebration.

Preparation for Easter has started one day before the holiday with baking traditional Ukrainian paskas and preparing various dishes. We bake and decorated more than 20 paskas.

Early in the morning on Easter CUPPERS attended liturgy in church after which we gathered with greetings «Христос Воскрес! Воістину Воскрес!» and spent that special day together. The most touching moment for all was singing together the song «Христос Воскрес!». Andriy Shevchenko, Ukrainian Ambassador to Canada, joined us at this marvelous moment and wished everyone to be strong and intelligent. He said that wherever we will live, we should remember our ancestors and Ukrainian traditions.

At the beginning of the day Lubomyr shared with us 3 wise thoughts:

1. When we create pysanky, we are trying to fill them with diligence and love. Then we give them to others, wishing all the best, happi-



ness and goodness. And we should be like our pysanky – we need “to fill” ourselves with diligence and love – and then, by our words and actions, to give others kindness and joy.

2. On this Easter day and on other moments let’s pray for the men and women who are currently on the front giving all in order to provide to the rest of the Ukrainian society opportunity to live a family life. Let’s think and pray for their families, who are worried about the happy return of their mother, father, sister, brother, daughter or son.

3. Let the joy that we feel on Easter always remain in our lives. How can we do that? Let’s embrace each other during the whole year. Let’s smile and let’s host each other and share kindness and happiness.

And let these three thoughts be always with us.

It was really a great Easter and a wonderful day, which was full of happiness, enthusiasm, friendship and sincerity. We were grateful to each other and to Lubomyr’s family for making that day unforgettable. ■





A Tour to the Royal Canadian Mint

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How are coins made in Canada? What are the reasons behind their design? During our visit to the Royal Canadian Mint in Ottawa, we discovered the answers to these and many other questions.

For starters, there are several types of coins: regular, or circulation coins that one uses to pay for coffee, as well as collectors and bullion coins that serve as investment instruments. Royal Mint has produced all of the above since 1908.

The complicated process of minting combines human creativeness and automated manufacturing; it differs depending on the function the coin would exercise. Circulation coins' design is all about pragmatism. Ever wondered why the coins have rims? The reason is it helps protect the image from fading. Another example of the minting pragmatism: choice of metal is always based on its endurance and price. A perfect illustration of the rule is phasing out the penny (one cent) since 2013: production costs had come to exceed its face value. For now, Canadians are left with one- and two-dollar coins (dubbed "toonies" for two and "loonies" for loon - a typical Canadian bird depicted on the reverse), as well as quarters, dimes and nickels.

For collector coins, it is the artistic work that matters most. A relevant topic for the coin design is chosen and agreed upon with the Cana-

da's Ministry of Finance, to reflect the government's priorities for the year. A coin's digital prototype is sketched by an artist, with the very first coin of the series minted and improved manually. Once the coin looks perfect, a mold is created for mass production. Depending on the coin's quality, rarity and age, prices may rise up to 55 000 dollars per piece.

Bullion coins' value depends on the metal they are made of and their weight. The process starts with gold, silver, platinum melted into sheets; before the coins are cut, the sheets are curled into impressively looking meter-wide shining coils, each of them worth thousands of dollars.

Most fascinating about the Royal Mint is that symbols are everywhere. Some communicate obvious meanings like maple leaf for Canada, shamrock for the British and fleur-de-lis for the French. However, coins can reflect political trends. British monarchs, heading Canadian state, have featured its coins since the the establishment; starting 2003, Queen Elizabeth has appeared crownless. The rev-

olutionary change was a way to highlight the increasing independence of Canada from its former metropolis.

Vancouver 2010 Olympic medals were produced by Royal Mint, too, and tell a beautiful story rooted in indigenous mythology. Each wavy-shaped Olympic medal is a cropped piece of an aboriginal artwork depicting an orca (whale). The animal stands for team spirit and mutual support. In the same way, the Paralympic medals - each bearing an eye, a contour of a wing or other body elements - form a picture of a raven, if put together as puzzle pieces. The raven is an aboriginal symbol for rising above the challenges.

It is worth noting that Canada's minting industry obtains most of the necessary raw materials e.g. gold and copper from its own mines. This, coupled with manufacturing professionalism is a reason why Canada manufactures coins not only for its own use. The governments of Israel, Ecuador, Malaysia have been among the Royal Mint's clients. ■



CUPP 2016 Interns Participate in Canadian Forces Appreciation Evening: A Brief Overview from Within



Mariia IHNATOVA

Ivan Franko National University of Lviv
Petro Sahaidachnyi Military Academy
2016 Intern to Jim Eglinski, MP for Yellowhead, Alberta
Mazurenko Family CUPP Scholarship recipient

It is very important to be a true citizen and patriot of your Homeland but at the same time it is very important to know the history of your nation and those who put their lives for the country you call homeland.

Canadian Forces Appreciation Evening that took place on the 27th of April in Toronto and organised by the Ukrainian War Veterans Association of Canada was aimed to thank to the Canadian Armed Forces for the Canadian Military Training Mission in Ukraine and to express the words of gratitude and appreciation to all the veterans who fought at some moment through history in the Canadian or Ukrainian armies.

The event itself has a very pathetic atmosphere as many things concerning Ukraine-Canadian relations were discussed. Traditionally, the evening was opened with the words of introduction of John Holuk, one of the organisers, followed by the welcoming word delivered by UWVA President Andre Sochaniwsky who also recognized Levko and Marko Orshynski (CUPP 2016 interns and volunteers at military actions in Donbass) among other distinguished guests. It was a pleasure to see MP Borys Wrzesnewskyj representing the Government of Canada and supporting his CUPP 2016 intern Roman Lozyskyy.

Next guest speakers talked more about the real actions Canadian Forces took in the framework of NATO operations in the world

and UNIFIER operation to Ukraine. Cdr Pascal Belhumeur CD dwelled upon about the time (2015-2016) when his ship operated in the Med-



CUPP 2016 interns at Canadian Forces Appreciation Evening in Toronto.



CUPP 2016 Interns with Ihor Bardyn and Lucy Hicks.



With CUPP's "Mom" and "Dad". L to R: Lucy Hicks, Mariia Ihnatova and Ihor Bardyn.



CUPP 2016 interns at Canadian Forces Appreciation Evening in Toronto. L to R: S. Kokhan, R. Lozynskyy, H. Kaplan, M. Orshynskyy, Y. Melekh, B. Ovcharenko, Paul Grod, Ihor Bardyn, V. Kobrin, Jason Buiney, M. Ihnatova, Borys Rzesnewskyy, L. Orshynskyy, L. Slobodian and K. Krotiuk.



Mariia Ihnatova (CUPP 2016) with LCol Jason Guiney CD, Former commander, Operation UNIFIER, Canadian Military Training Mission to Ukraine.



Mariia Ihnatova (CUPP 2016 Intern) greeting the representatives of Canadian Forces.



Volodymyr Kobrin and Marta Basystiuk (CUPP 2016) with Bob Bardyn.

iterranean Sea alongside other Standing NATO Maritime Group Two (SNMG2) ships to detect, deter and disrupt terrorism. LCol Jason Guiney CD and CWO Lewis Lavoie MSM CD elaborated more about their military experience in Ukraine while conducting the UNIFIER operation, namely Canada's military training mission in Ukraine. For their commitment and readiness to support Ukraine they received the award from the Ukrainian War Veterans Association of Canada.

The closing word of gratitude on behalf of Hetman Petro Sahaidachnyi National Army Academy was delivered by Mariia Ihnatova, CUPP 2016 intern to MP Jim Egliniski and reservist with a rank of Lieutenant (junior grade), who one more time stressed on the valuable contribution of Canada in Ukrainian military situation. It should be noted that CUPP 2016 was represented by a wide group of interns, namely Lilia Slobodian, Bozhena Ovcharenko, Volodymyr Kobrin, Marta Basystiuk, Galina

Kaplan, Svitlana Kisilova, Kvitka Krotiuk, Yaroslav Melekh, Sviatoslav Kokhan and Veronika Skip. All of the interns had a nice opportunity to meet the Director of the program Ihor Bardyn and his brother Bob Bardyn.

The event of such magnitude came to its end with performance of national anthems – Ukrainian and Canadian. There is no doubt that this moment will be a lifelong experience to every participant and guest of Canadian Forces Appreciation Evening. ■

Canada-Ukraine Parliamentary Program on its Quarter Century Pass: Looking Back and Forward

Halyna KAPLAN

Örebro University

Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv

University of Connecticut

2016 Intern to Don Rusnak, MP for Thunder Bay–Rainy River
Myroslawa and John Yaremko CUPP Scholarship recipient



As Canada-Ukraine Parliamentary program approached its 25th anniversary, it's time to look both back for memories and forward for future achievements and successes. We interviewed those who has been involved in the program for years: MPs, senators, CUPP alumni, current interns and one-and-only director Pan Ihor Bardyn. We asked them to share the most remarkable experience CUPP program has brought.

Ihor Bardyn has initiated a program in 1991 after he realized new independent Ukraine needed to get rid of the old Soviet style parliament and to build a new one based on Western values. First



three interns came from Kyiv National Taras Shevchenko University and arrived in Ottawa in spring 1991. Since then

the geography of CUPP participating universities has significantly broadened, whereas more than 800 people became alumni of CUPP program.

Ihor Bardyn:

– In 1991 as we were celebrating 100th anniversary of first Ukrainian immigration to Canada, I

thought why not to open a door of the Canadian parliament for young Ukrainians, so they can come and see the way it works here. Canadian parliament is far from being perfect, but it is way better than what Soviet Union had to offer.

I managed to collect almost \$1mln from people I knew. We deposited this money to the bank account to earn some interest. Back in the days interest rates were really high. I was also lucky to have strong tights in the Canadian parliament with representatives of all three parties: Liberal, Conservative and NDP. I approached the speaker

of the House of Commons and offered him to established an internship program for Ukrainian students. I now think it was almost a miracle, as we needed only three days to convince Canadian politicians to give us a green light.



Senator Raynell Andreychuk has been appointed to Senate in 1993. She was one of those Ukrainian Canadians who supported the CUPP program

at the very start. Apart from helping financially, she also helped advocating the establishment of the program in the Parliament, guiding through all the necessary procedures and administrating.

Senator Raynell Andreychuk

– At first when we started a program, they (MPs and senators – author) said: my Goodness, they speak English, they are motivated, they are working hard, they are willing to do anything. They saw people wanting to succeed, so that was whole new look at Ukraine. Countering what we saw in politics: arguing, shifting, elections that didn't go well. All of a sudden young people taking the role saying 'How can I help my country?'. That was really a huge thing.

I tell students when you go back to Ukraine please implement what you've learned in Canada. And when I go to Ukraine myself, I see them doing it and I am very proud of them and so happy to be a part of it.

Borys Wrzesnewskyj is member of Canadian Parliament, has been hosting Ukrainian interns since 2004. He says for Canadian politi-



cians Ukraine is rather an exotic country, while many of them know fairly little about modern Ukraine. CUPP students often play diplomatic role on the Parliament Hill, helping creating good will among Canadians toward Ukraine.

Borys Wrzesnewskyj:

– You [current CUPP interns – author] are the first generation born after the Soviet Union collapsed. You were born in a free and independent Ukraine and you have a unique opportunity to play a role in a history. Not every generation gets this chance, as when a country is well established and developed, one can hardly leave a trace in a history.

At the beginning I sometimes had to convince Canadian politicians to host a Ukrainian intern, explaining how valuable this program is. Sometimes you have to use political arguments, saying 'Look, you get a chance to have a Ukrainian student in your office. Remember, how many Ukrainians you have in your riding?'. But this barely happens, mostly politicians are willing to host Ukrainian interns, they have no prejudice toward Ukraine.



Vasyl Miroshnychenko is a CUPP 2001 alumni. He currently runs a strategic communication company in Kyiv and is also a co-founder of Ukraine Crisis Media Center – an NGO aiming at promoting Ukraine abroad and coun-

tering Russian propaganda. He posses a degree from London School of Economics and has established a network of western educated Ukrainians, which CUPP alumni are also a part of.

Vasyl Miroshnychenko

– CUPP helps future Ukrainian leaders to get educated by parliamentary democracy, it shows how to build a transparent legal system, how to keep government accountable. This knowledge is extremely useful and crucial for students' future and their careers.

One of our goals as alumni is to mobilize western educated Ukrainians for a positive change in a country. A lot of people in our circles have joined the Government, helping fighting corruption, work on deregulation, decentralization, and actually being involved in many other economic reforms, which are so in demand here.



Marta Basytiuk is a CUPP 2016 intern to Bob Bratina, MP for Hamilton East–Stoney Creek, Ontario. Before coming

to Canada, Marta worked on development of new legislation on National Police, and participated in recruitment and selection process of police officers and their trainers. Upon arrival in Canada, Marta is actively sharing her experience in Ottawa.

– I want people to know that over last years we've got not only tragic events in Ukraine, but also some positive changes. There are people in Ukraine willing to change the country; we started from the reform of police and want to share this experience with Canadians and those

who decide on the policy of the country toward Ukraine. This is something we can be proud of and thus should speak about it. I believe that our presence on Parliament Hill will help Ukraine to enhance relations with Canada and to inspire Ukrainians to work for the better future of our country.



Dmytro Tkachuk is a CUPP 2016 intern to The Hon. Jason Kenney, MP for Calgary Midnapore, Alberta. Back in Ukraine Dmytro works

as Associate at Avellum Law Firm.

– One of the most important things which makes CUPP a valuable program is people participating in it. CUPP creates a platform which unites remarkable students and young professionals around the idea of learning from western democracies, taking this experience back to Ukraine and changing our country for better. Apart from becoming a member of a big CUPP community, which amounts around 800 alumni, and learning from Canadian MPs, the program gives an opportunity to CUPP interns to share its unique experience, which each of us has managed to obtain, between each other and basically allows us to learn from each other. Seeing that you peer have already succeeded in their area of business is incredibly inspiring and motivating. And this is something what gives you strength for making your own significant input in building your country.

Sofiya-Roksolana Got is a CUPP 2016 intern to James Maloney, MP for Etobicoke–Lakeshore, Ontario.



Sofiya is a co-founder of the NGO 'First aid of Maidan', and a dentist PHD student at Danylo Halytsky Lviv National Medi-

cal University.

– CUPP brought me together with amazing and highly educated people. It's not only about tremendous experience which we've gained being in the Parliament but also about knowledge which we've obtained from each other. I'm sure all these individuals are the future success of Ukraine.

Speaking of my most remarkable experience on Parliament Hill I can certainly say that I was amazed how easygoing and simple all the members of Parliament were. It was a great pleasure to be around such intelligent and highly regarded people and, furthermore, to be the part of their work team. Each of them gave me a new understanding of what I should do in my life in order to be successful and to bring the benefits for my society.



Veronika Skip is CUPP 2016 Intern to James Bezan, MP for Selkirk–Interlake, Manitoba. *– As a CUPP intern, I have had a unique opportunity*

to make personal contacts with Members of Parliament, Ministers and Ukrainian, Polish and German Ambassadors to Canada. By observing the operation of the open and accountable Canadian government I would like to implement the principles of an individual

and collective ministerial responsibility as well as high standards of honesty and impartiality in the operation of the Ukrainian government. CUPP has helped me to decide to become a lobbyist for Ukraine. By working in the heart of Canada's government I have acquired an interest in public service.

Accountability of the Canadian Government has been seen as the most remarkable experience during my time in Ottawa. The Operation of the Government of Justin Trudeau sets out core principles regarding the roles and responsibilities of Ministers in Canada's system of responsible parliamentary government. Canadian Government works on reflection the values, expectations and trust of Canadians. Ministers also share collective responsibility for the actions of the Government.



Marichka Ihnatova is a CUPP 2016 intern to Jim Eglinski, MP for Yellowhead, Alberta. She is a president of European Law Students' Association

in Lviv. Hg

– CUPP was, is and will always be a remarkable experience for me. It gave me a huge blast of emotions and deep faith that changes are possible if you are ready to make them! Once CUPP – forever CUPP!

Speaking about the most remarkable experience, I would mention Vyshyvanka Day in Parliament. I was totally amazed seeing many MPs, Ministers and Senators wearing vyshyvankas on Vyshyvanka Day! It was a pure holiday for every Ukrainian around the world!



Victoria Barba-niuk is a CUPP 2016 intern to Bob Saroya, MP for Markham-Unionville, Ontario. Back in Kyiv Victoria works for a lead-

ing English-speaking newspaper "Kyiv Post".

– CUPP is about building bridges. Bridges between Canada and Ukraine, between Ukraine and Ukrainian Diaspora here, between different parts of Ukraine, represented by 33 CUPP interns. Wherever we end

up in our life, we will all have a shared memory of our experience on Parliament Hill, and at the same time, a shared responsibility to make a change in Ukraine and for Ukraine. ■



Visiting Lyubomyr Chabursky

Bohdan KIT

Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv
2016 Intern to Harold Albrecht, MP for Kitchener–Conestoga, Ontario
Cathy Obal CUPP Scholarship recipient

The visits to the house of Lyubomyr Chabursky and his family are more than just a regular, but interesting event of the CUPP Program. It is the place where you can feel like home and find answers to some very important questions that may come up during your lifetime. Lyubomyr has a wonderful ability to create a ground for public discussion where everyone is willing to share not just a general concern on some topic or issue, but something a bit more personal – his or her own feelings. And this is the goal of participation in such meetings: to feel yourself as if you speak to close friends and seek a piece of advice from them. One of the key features of those visits is cooking time. Volunteers

came beforehand in order to prepare delicious salads, lasagna, chicken curry and outstanding baked goods for everyone to enjoy. It helped us to work as a team and make our own contribution to Lyubomyr's initiatives. The most remarkable thing about cooking is that Lyubomyr is a very good manager and knows how to plan things. Therefore, even cooking had a clear-cut plan with time allocation for each process and persons involved.

The very first meeting at Lyubomyr's house was the point of connection for all CUPP 2016 participants as we shared our personal thoughts and feelings and moved one step closer to being called as "friends". Sometimes we felt uncomfortable sharing something personal, but as Lyubomyr said we

had to get used to feel comfortable feeling uncomfortable. We discussed such topics as personal development, how to find your passion and what we should do to have a happy family. The most fascinating thing that made all participants really deliberate was a "regret exercise" where everyone should have thought about what he or she would have regret or not regret doing in the age of 60. This exercise demonstrated that while we make choices in our life we must consider different aspects of our decisions. And who knows, maybe if you really think about it from a different perspective, you will find some new answers allowing you to make a better decision. ■

Interview with Taylor Hunt from Canada-US Parliamentary Internship Program

Kvitoslava KROTIUK

Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv
Humboldt University of Berlin, Germany

2016 Intern to Bev Shiple, MP for Lambton–Kent–Middlesex, Ontario
Senator Paul Yuzyk CUPP Scholarship recipient



The Canada-Ukraine Parliamentary Program is one of the few internship programs available at the Canadian Parliament. I've been lucky to do my internship at Bev Shiple's office with Taylor Hunt, an intern from the Canada-US Parliamentary Internship Program. Taylor is from Ewing, Kentucky and majors in Government at Morehead State University. Taylor shared his impressions and ideas with me.

Could you tell more about the Canada-US Parliamentary Internship Program?

– The program has existed for many years. Every year a group of students comes to the Hill to do their internship. This year we have around 30 interns on the Hill. I got nominated by one of my university professors to participate in this program.

How do you get to be nominated for the Program?

– It's about your performance in the class. You need to show willingness to work and be a critical thinker.

Why did you decide to do your internship in the House of Commons?

– In fact, doing something like this is completely outside my personality because I am very introverted. I thought doing an internship at Canadian Parliament would be a great way to learn about things that I am passionate about and

have fun.

Does your program require you to do any projects while you are here?

– The requirements vary depending on the schools we come from. For example, my school requires me to keep a daily journal and conduct a research project, which I will present next spring at the Morehead State University Celebration of Student Scholarship.

What is the topic of the project you are doing here?

– I am researching the impacts of Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement on the Canadian agricultural industry. Agriculture is something I really like because I spent all my life in a rural area. I am lucky to be

at Mr. Shiple's office since he is the Official Opposition Critic for Rural Affairs and I have a chance to get first-hand knowledge from him because he is a farmer by trade, so he has a unique and personal perspective on agriculture.

How do you feel about working with Bev Shiple?

– Mr. Shiple is just over the top. I really like him. He is very welcoming and genuine. He reminds me of people in my community and I feel very comfortable working with him.

What are your impressions of Canadian parliamentary process?

– I noticed how organized it is. No one speaks out of turn, or at least





that rarely happens. Since procedures at the House of Commons are more organized, the House itself works more efficiently.

Would you consider doing an internship at the United States House of Representatives?

– First of all, it is very difficult to get in. Besides, I believe the experience there is not as enriching. Since each Representative has 15-20 staff members, an intern in a Representative's office would probably have a much smaller chance to get involved in actual work and learn things, which is what I do here at the House of Commons.

How does it feel to live in Ottawa?

– Overall, I am not a big fan of city life. I grew up in a rural community. However, I have been enjoying my time in Ottawa. I found that people here are friendly and it is easy to get around the city. The city reminds me of the city of Lexington in Kentucky.

Where do you see yourself 5 years from now?

– Hopefully I will be teaching history and politics and will become a high school principal. I am also thinking of a local political career;

hopefully, my background will help me work on changing education policies. ■



At the Canada-Ukraine Business Forum in Toronto on June 20, 2016. L to R: Ulyana Khromyak (CUPP 2001), Ihor Bardyn (CUPP Director), Volodymyr Omelian (Minister of Infrastructure, Transportation and Logistics, CUPP 1999), Nataliya Mykolska (Deputy Minister of Economic Development and Trade, CUPP 2000 Fall).

Parliament Hill Tour with Borys Gengalo

Veronika SKIP

Ukrainian Free University, Munich, Germany
Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich, Germany

Ivan Franko National University of Lviv

2016 Intern to James Bezan, MP for Selkirk–Interlake, Manitoba
Daria Telizyn CUPP Scholarship recipient



Welcome to our walking tour on Parliament Hill! The centrepiece of Ottawa's downtown landscape is the political and cultural heart of the city. The Parliament Buildings sit atop the Hill, the gorgeous Gothic-style structures overlooking the Ottawa River, as the politicians within debate the present and future issues of the country.

On April 10, 2016 CUPP was held a tour on Parliament Hill by Canadian historian and public activist of Ukrainian origin and heritage Bo-

rys Gengalo. He is also member of the Ukrainian Canadian Professional and Business Association of Ottawa and every year meets CUPP intern to acquaint them deeper understanding of Canadian history and culture, its architecture and democratic political system.

Parliament Hill is dominated by Centre Block and is fronted by the Peace Tower on the south facade, with the Library of Parliament at the building's rear. The East Block

contains ministers' and senators' offices, as well as meeting rooms and other administrative spaces (the West Block is temporary closed and is being renovated). The parliament buildings include a variety of eras and styles of Gothic architecture, including elements from Britain, France and Italy.

Michael Starr (Myhaylo Starchevskyy) of Ukrainian heritage served as a Minister of Labour in the Centre Block.

Central Block is also surrounded



by Supreme Court, Confederation, Justice, Sir John A. Macdonald Valour, Victoria, Wellington Buildings, as well by a multitude of monuments of historic significance. Supreme Court built in Art Deco completes the complex of Parliamentary buildings. In front of the Supreme Court are situated two statues which symbolize Veritas and Justitia. It is crucially important that John Sopilka served as the first Canadian puisne justice on the Supreme Court of Ukrainian heritage. He was also a patron of the CUPP program in whose honour a Scholarship is named. The Art Deco style is also represented in the building of Bank of Montreal, which was built at the beginning of the XX century. The

style of this Bank served to gain people's trust in the Canadian banking system.

After Parliament Hill our excursion was continued by walking along the ByWard Market established by Lt-Col. John By in 1826. It is one of Canada's oldest and largest public markets. The legendary builder of the Rideau Canal, Colonel By himself laid out the street plan of the Market, designating George Street and York Street to be extra wide to accommodate the creation of a public market and gathering place. Traditionally, the ByWard Market area has been a focal point for Ottawa's French and Irish communities.

Under the kind guidance of Borys Gengalo we also discovered Notre

Dame Cathedral, one of the largest and oldest Roman Catholic churches in Ottawa. The shape of the cathedral was taken into account in the design of the National Art Gallery which was built across Sussex Drive. National Art Gallery brightly represents Canadian art, including a large number by the Group of Seven, and strong collections of Indigenous, Asian, and International works.

On behalf of the Interns of CUPP 2016, I extend our sincere thanks to Borys Gengalo for his time and an informative tour of the Hill. It was also a great opportunity to learn a lot of interesting facts about Canadian history and culture. ■

Ukrainian Parliamentary Internship Program Marks 25th Anniversary The Program Represents 'Continuous, Deep, and Trustworthy Relationship Between Our Two Countries,' says one intern

By Chelsea NASH

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In 1991, three young interns arrived in Ottawa from Ukraine to gain experience working for a Canadian Member of Parliament. They kicked off a 25-year relationship between Canada and Ukraine through what would develop into the Canada-Ukraine Parliamentary Program. More than 800 interns have since participated in the program, which brings a new crop of young people to Canada every year to learn about parliamentary procedure and democratic institutions from the inside. For Svitlana Kisilova, Oleh Shemetov,

and Halyna Kaplan, three interns currently in Ottawa, all in their early 20s, the program is about learning what they can from what they call a prosperous democracy, and then taking that knowledge back to Ukraine, where they suggest it is desperately needed.

Mr. Shemetov said the internship program, for which interns are chosen through a competitive selection process, can continue to benefit participants long after they return to Ukraine. They are given the opportunity to write for the

monthly newsletter and participate in the community of CUPP alumni, of which there are several high-profile members. Former Ukrainian minister of infrastructure Andriy Pyvovarsky and his deputy-turned-successor, Volodymyr Omelyan, both completed the program in 1999.

"We're here as interns, but when our internship ends and we go back to Ukraine, the program doesn't end for us," said Mr. Shemetov.

Their internships run for two months in Ottawa. This year's crop



*Conservative MP Ben Lobb with his Ukrainian intern, Svitlana Kisilova.
The Hill Times photograph by Chelsea Nash*

of interns is halfway through their time here. Once finished, the group is set to travel to Toronto to hold a mock Ukraine parliament to discuss bilingualism. While Ukrainian is Ukraine's official language, Russian is spoken throughout the country as well.

The interns said there's a lot Ukraine could learn from Canada. Primarily, they said they appreciated how Canada's politics seems to be based in ideology and values. That's lacking in Ukrainian politics, they said, where corrupt politicians care about politics first, and people second.

"We have a lot of young people who are willing to change the country, that's the key point," said Ms. Kisilova, who is an intern in the office of Conservative MP Ben Lobb (Huron-Bruce, Ont.).

"We are raising the country after our post-Soviet heritage, and now young generations can change it. So such programs as CUPP [are] giving us first-hand experience in how to do those things. It's important to develop such programs and

support them, because only young people without this Soviet mindset can change something," she said. Ms. Kisilova and Mr. Shemetov talked about how in Ukraine, about 70 years of Soviet rule had greatly affected the political landscape. Though it became independent in 1991, Ukraine has had a lot of rebuilding to do "from scratch," said Ms. Kisilova.

Canada and Ukraine have a close historical bond, with 1.2 million Canadians claiming Ukrainian heritage. In the tug of war for Ukraine in recent years between the West and Russia, former prime minister Stephen Harper supported the new government of Petro Poroshenko in keeping Ukraine in the Western sphere of influence. He pledged training to the Ukrainian army fighting separatist rebels in the country's Russian-influenced east, concluded free trade talks with the country, gave non-lethal military supplies, and spoke out at every turn against Russian President Vladimir Putin's "aggression" after Russia annexed the Crimean

peninsula.

While the Trudeau government has maintained support for Ukraine in the ongoing conflict with Russian-backed separatists, Foreign Minister Stéphane Dion has also suggested Canada's intent to re-engage in diplomacy with Russia. Up until this point, the internship program has been funded by an endowment fund generated by a fundraising event in 1991 at the program's beginning. Over the years, the program has received some donations from Ukrainian-Canadians, but has relied on interest from the endowment to sustain itself. According to the director of the program, Ihor Bardyn, there is only enough money left to bring maybe five students here next year. Mr. Bardyn, who works for CUPP on a voluntary basis, is currently looking into acquiring more funding, and is planning to approach the federal government.

The interns, who are university students or young professionals, don't pay anything to participate in the program or to come to Canada, though they are not paid by MPs either. Some of them, including Ms. Kisilova, still manage to work in Ukraine remotely.

A 2004 article in the Canadian Parliamentary Review tells how the program got its start: "The chair of the Ukrainian Studies Foundation of Toronto decided to establish a program for undergraduate university students from Ukraine. Its goal was to promote and assist the democratization process in Ukraine." Interns get the chance to participate in Hill life including attending Question Period and committees, helping with an MP's administrative office functions, researching questions from constituents, and attending meetings and conferences.

Candidates are selected based of academic excellence, community

Duncan praises CUPP

I am delighted that the Canada-Ukraine Parliamentary Program (CUPP) program will continue this year. Starting this April, I will welcome another inspiring young Ukrainian intern to my Ottawa Parliamentary office. CUPP was established in 1991 by the Ukrainian Studies Foundation of Toronto to commemorate the centennial of Ukrainian group immigration to Canada. The program has offered the opportunity to Ukrainian students to work in the Canada's Parliament and learn about our Westminster model of governance.

I have over my term in office been fortunate to host a number of fabulous interns. My most recent intern Maria Korolenko shared with me her experience in the demonstrations, as she calls "the revolution of dignity", in Kyiv's Maidan Square. Inspired by her Canadian experience, Maria returned to Ukraine to become directly involved through an NGO in helping implement democratic reforms and assisting with refugees escaping the eastern area strife. Initially engaged in helping the government agency exploring

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improved energy efficiency and renewable energy sources, she is now employed by an award winning start-up Ukraine energy efficiency firm. I have been able to catch up with Maria during her regular marketing trips to Canada as she explores new markets for their innovative efficiency technologies. I am equally delighted to learn that Ukraine is exploring more efficient energy sources and uses as it was a subject I was keen to explore with Ukraine officials during my first trip to Ukraine before the change in government. This new found interest may open doors to partnerships with Canadian energy firms in building Ukraine's energy efficiency sector. Recent decisions to extend aid to small and medium businesses in Ukraine may help pave the way for these joint ventures.

Linda Duncan M.P.
Edmonton Strathcona

volunteer work, leadership potential, teacher recommendations, and fluency in English or French, and Ukrainian, the article said.

Mr. Shemetov interns with Trade Minister Chrystia Freeland (University-Rosedale). He also serves as co-coordinator of the program along with Olga Spytzia, who works for Conservative MP Robert Sopuck (Dauphin-Swan River-Neepawa, Man.). Ms. Freeland herself is Ukrainian-Canadian and worked in Ukraine for several years at the beginning of her former career as a journalist.

"We think that it [represents a] continuous, deep, and trustworthy relationship between our two countries," said Ms. Kaplan, who interns for Liberal MP Michael Levitt (York Centre, Ont.). "Otherwise your country would not let us into its Parliament," she said, indicating that the interns have full parliamentary access, just as any Canadian staff member would have. "It means they have trust in us, and it's the highest level of support we can get."

Liberal MP Arif Virani (Parkdale-High Park, Ont.) also hosts a Ukrainian intern in his office.

"I believe in interns," he told The Hill Times, explaining that he him-

self had come up through the ranks of the Parliamentary Intern Program. "I believe in that kind of mentorship, and giving people exposure to government and doing it from the inside of an MP's office."

Mr. Virani, who is also a vice-chair of the Canada-Ukraine Parliamentary Friendship Group, explained that he has a large Ukrainian-Canadian population in his Toronto riding, so participating in the internship program "is a double-barrelled motivation."

Mr. Lobb said he likes that the program, he said, is not skewed to any one party. "The office beside me is a Liberal, and I think Svitlana's friend works for that person, and that's great too. They get to see it from all political parties and everything."

Mr. Lobb said he and his staff are given the opportunity to learn a lot about Ukraine, as well. On Ms. Kisilova's first day, his whole office went out for lunch together to learn more about where Ms. Kisilova comes from.

Ms. Kisilova said another reason why the program is so important for young Ukrainians is because they get to act as ambassadors for their country.

"We don't want people to think that

we are only having sex tourism or vodka or anything else," she said. "When you come [to Ukraine], you see a lot of open-minded and very enthusiastic young people who are working on their mission. They are ready to change and they are ready to tell the world what they are, but the world is seeing only stereotypes."

There are currently 35 Ukrainians participating as interns in a number of MP and ministerial offices

Ms. Spytzia said she was first motivated to come to the program to see how the democracy of a "good, developed country" works, to see what could be implemented back in Ukraine.

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Andriy Zavalov (CUPP 2011 from Irkutsk, Russia) with Vira Savchenko, sister of Nadia Savchenko in Riga, Latvia at book presentation "Sylne Imiya" by Nadia Savchenko.

Interns with MPs & Ministers



Anna Zavizon with MP Peter Kent.



Bohdan Kit with MP Harold Albrecht.



Canada-Ukraine Parliamentary Friendship Group with CUPP 2016 interns.



Conservative MP Mark Warawa with his Ukrainian intern, Alina Bugar.



Conservative MP Robert Sopuck with his Ukrainian intern, Olga Spytzia.



CUPP Director Ihor Bardyn with Liberal MP Julie Dzerowicz and her intern Levko Oshynskyy.



*CUPP Interns with the Minister of Innovation, Science and Economic Development - April 12.
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Halyna Kaplan with MP Don Rusnak.



Meeting with MP Arif Virani.



Meeting with MP Jenny Kwan.



Meeting with MP Michelle Rempel.



*Meeting with The Hon. Kent Hehr,
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Svitlana Kisilova with MP Ben Lobb



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