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CUPP 2014 Interns with Prime Minister Stephen Harper.

History of CUPP

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

The Chair of Ukrainian Studies Foundation of Toronto decided to mark the Centennial by establishing the Canada-Ukraine Parliamentary Program for university students from Ukraine. The Canada-Ukraine Parliamentary Program gives Ukrainian students an opportunity to work and study in the Ca-

nadian 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 on interest in the Westminster model parliamentary system of government, university students from Ukraine and foreign universities, can apply for a CUPP internship program. It is hoped that CUPP will contribute to the education of future leaders of Ukraine.

In 2014, 33 students from universities in Austria, Belgium, Finland, Italy, Israel, Netherlands, Poland, Switzerland, United Kingdom and Ukraine will complete a two-month internship in the House of Commons. Concurrently, university students from the University of Toronto, York University and the University of Ottawa will complete an internship as part of the Macdonald Laurier Program.

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ISIS – Putin Dreams of Empires

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Director Canada-Ukraine Parliamentary Program



ISIS Caliphate

On October 3, 2014 on CBC radio, Canadian diplomat Robert Fowler said; “I believe that the Islamic state represents an essential threat to our values, to our way of life and eventually, perhaps not immediately, to us here in Canada. And they will grow stronger, they are growing stronger daily and they hope very much that we will respond exactly the way we have responded. That is, with limited enthusiasm, with a loose not terribly cohesive coalition for a limited period of time. If that’s all we do, we are certain, certain, to pay.”

Fowler was replying to the question of the West’s response to the threat by ISIS, and his belief that in order to defeat ISIS, “Which is an all-out, confrontation with these guys, would require lots of troops on the ground and a very nasty war.”

Fowler arrived at his conclusion as a result of his capture by Al Qaeda, on December 14, 2008 in the Islamic Maghreb. He was held hostage for 180 days in the Sahara Desert and released on April 21, 2009.

When the CBC interviewer asked Fowler what basis he had for advocating war with troops against al Qaeda he said” it comes from the fact that I got to know these guys or rather, let me be clear, I got to know 31 of them. Now are they all the same? Actually I think they are pretty much the same. Is their motivation pretty much the same? Yes. But the language they spoke, they told me very, very clearly, time and again, what their objectives were and of course the ‘they’ I am talking about are Al Qaeda in the Islamic margreb. And their objectives were to sow chaos and disorder from the Atlantic Ocean to the Indian Ocean. And in that chaos and terror they believe their Jihad would thrive. And that is exactly what they are doing in Syria and Iraq. That’s exactly what they are doing in Libya. That’s what they are still trying to do in Mali and Algeria, in Somalia. So they are doing what they

said they would.”

Russian World

Putin is sowing chaos and disorder in the “frozen conflict zones” created by the Kremlin in Abkhazia & South Ossetia (Georgia), Transdnistria (Moldova), Nagorno-Karabakh (Armenia-Azerbaijan), Crimea (Ukraine) and now Donetsk People’s Republic, Lugansk People’s Republic.

In Bucharest, during the NATO Summit of 2008, Putin told George W. Bush “Ukraine is not even a state”. Russia’s spinmeisters and some western journalists repeat the proposition that Russia because of its historic ties to Ukraine holds a “sphere of influence” and a responsibility to interfere (“right to interfere”) in countries of the near abroad, like Ukraine. Presumably this right to interfere in Ukraine facilitated Russia’s Parliament (the Duma) the authority to vote, to give Putin the right to use Russian armed forces in Ukraine. Despite the documented vote by the Russian Duma, Putin maintains, paradoxically that Russia is not a party to the war in Ukraine.

Flex Program Curtailed

On September 30, 2014 Russia withdrew from the US funded FLEX program. Flex, which had operated for 21 years in Eurasian countries was a program which provided scholarships for high school students (ages 15 to 17, to spend an academic year in the United States, living with a family and attending an American high school.

Demonstrations

On September 21, 2014 thousands of people marched in Moscow to protest against the war in eastern Ukraine and the Kremlin’s involvement in the war. A sizeable segment of the protesters were youth in their 20’s.

Maydan began in November 2013 as a peaceful demonstration against Yanukhovich’s decision to decline signing the EU Association

Agreement to link Ukraine with Europe in the economic sphere. The demonstrators on November 26 and thereafter were overwhelmingly youth and university students.

Some of the protesters in Moscow and Kyiv had something in common. They had spent a year or more abroad studying in a EU or North American university, attended an American high school or completed a parliamentary Internship in the Canadian, German or European Parliament. They were inoculated by the democratic virus, European or North American strain and on returning to their homelands yearned of living in a normal country, with a transparent government.

But their dreams began to fade as the managed democracy of Vladimir Putin and the corrupt and oligarchic government of Yanukhovich began to converge.

Little Green Men

In March 2014 Putin annexed Crimea with the help of “little green men”, who are Russian Special Forces (Spetsnaz) who act as local security forces without any identifying insignia and whom Vladimir Putin calls “polite people”. Next Russia’s “little green men” popped up in the 2 Ukrainian provinces of Donbas and Luhansk. Eventually these proxies for Putin were supplemented by regular Russian army troops who “lost their way near the border and wandered into Ukraine, or who travelled to Luhansk or Donetsk to spend their vacations taking part in warfare, or who voluntarily held rocket launching demonstrations on the Ukrainian border.”

NATO, the EU and the Western democracies were unprepared for Putin’s actions in Ukraine. Their response was the introduction of sanc-

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CUPP Interns



world
trade
institute

Oleksandra BROVKO

Born in: Energodar, Zaporizhya region, Ukraine.

Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv, established in 1834. **Institute of International Relations.**

Motto of the University: "Utilitas honor et gloria". – "Utility honor, and glory".

World Trade Institute, University of Bern, established in 1834.

Motto of the University: "A MILE ahead".

Foreign languages: English, French, Russian.

Dr. Taras Fecycz Scholarship recipient.

Intern to **Hon. Jason Kenney**, MP for Calgary South-east, Alberta, Minister of Employment and Social Development and Minister for Multiculturalism. Mr. Kenney served as President and Chief Executive Officer of the Canadian Taxpayers Federation, prior to his election to the House of Commons in 1997 as Member of Parliament for Calgary Southeast. He has been re-elected five times. 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. Kenney has been named one of Canada's "100 Leaders of the Future" by Maclean's magazine; "one of Canada's leading conservative activists" by the Globe and Mail; and "one of 21 Canadians to watch in the 21st century" by the Financial Post magazine.

Last book read: "До ефективних суспільств. Дороговкази в майбутнє". / To the effective society. Roadmap for the future. – by Bohdan Havrylyshyn.

Favourite quote by foreign author: "We shall never surrender" – Winston Churchill.

Favourite quote by Ukrainian author: Життя така велика ковзаниця, кому вдалось не падавши пройти – Ліна Костенко. / Life is a huge rink for those



who managed not to fall – Lina Kostenko.

Favourite musical recording: "Ja pidu v daleki goru" by Kvitka Tsisuk.

Outstanding landmark or architecture in Canada: the Canadian Museum of History. The Museum of History's permanent galleries explore Canada's 20,000 years of human history and a program of special exhibitions expands on Canadian themes and explore other cultures and civilizations, past and present. The museum is also a major research institution. Its staff includes leading experts in Canadian history, archaeology, ethnology, and folk culture.



Kateryna BRUSENTOVA (Katya)

Born: Kharkiv, Ukraine

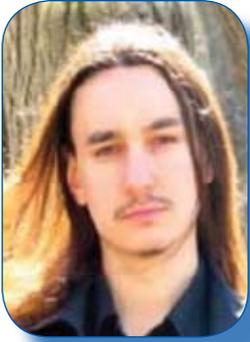
Hometown: Toronto, Ontario

Wilfrid Laurier University – established in 1973, Faculty of Arts; Honours Communications.

Intern to **Ryan Cleary**, MP for St. John's South-Mount Pearl, Newfoundland and Labrador, New Democratic Party. Ryan Cleary was elected as the member of Parliament for St. John's South-Mount Pearl on May 2, 2011. Ryan is currently the official Opposition Critic for the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency (ACOA) and Post Secondary Education and also chairs the NDP's Atlantic Caucus. An award-winning journalist, Ryan has worked in Newfoundland and Labrador for almost 20 years. Born in Gander and raised in Riverhead, Harbour Grace and Bay Roberts, he graduated from the journalism program at the Stephenville campus of the College of the North Atlantic in 1992. He was the fisheries reporter for The Telegram in 1992 when the moratorium was first introduced on northern cod. He also worked as a political and investigative reporter, winning numerous awards and accolades throughout his career. Ryan was the editor-in-chief of The Independent newspaper, hosted open line radio shows at VOXM, and has worked for The Newfoundland Herald, NTV and Time Magazine.

My Favourite Canadian Landscape is High Park in Toronto, Ontario. Having spent much of my childhood in this beautiful park, it holds a certain sentimental appeal

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Anton BURINKOV

Born in Kaliningrad, Russia.

Hometown: Mykolaiv, Ukraine.

Tavrida National V.I. Vernadsky University, Faculty of Philosophy, was established in 1918.

2014 William & Antonina Bazylewych Scholarship recipient.

Intern to **Mylene Freeman**, MP of Argenteuil-Papineua-Mirabel, Quebec. Mylène was elected in the last federal election as the Member of Parliament for the Québec riding of Argenteuil-Papineau-Mirabel. She is currently a member of the Standing committee on Environment and Sustainable Development and has previously been a member of the Status of Women committee and the Citizenship and Immigration committee. She is the elected Chair of the NDP Women's Caucus and is a Vice-president of the Canadian Association of Parliamentarians on Population and Development. Since coming into office, Mylène has distinguished herself through her work defending rural citizens and environmental issues, and makes a point of being accessible to the citizens of her riding. Mylène has been involved with the New Democratic Party since 2007. As well as having been involved in campaigns and outreach, she has been president of NDP McGill, the Montréal youth organizer for the Jeunes néo-démocrates du Québec, and the youth representative for the Outremont Riding Association. Prior to her election, Mylène was a Student Fellow for the McGill Research Group on Constitutional Studies, worked as a research assistant in Political Theory, and was a coordinator of McGill Women in House, a program mandated to promote women's representation in government by encouraging young women to get involved in Canadian politics. Her first experience as a candidate was in 2009 when she ran for borough-councilor of the district Claude-Ryan in Outremont (Montréal) under the banner of Projet Montréal. She holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from McGill in Political Science and Philosophy. She hails originally from Stouffville, Ontario, and currently resides in Mirabel,

Québec.

My favorite Canadian Landscape is Algonquin Provincial Park. Established in 1893, it is the oldest provincial park in Canada. For comparison purposes, this is about one and a half times the size of Prince Edward Island or about a quarter of the size of Belgium. The park is contiguous with several smaller, administratively separate provincial parks that protect important rivers in the area, resulting in a larger total protected area. Its size, combined with its proximity to the major urban centres of Toronto and Ottawa, makes Algonquin one of the most popular provincial parks in the province and the country. Algonquin Park was named a National Historic Site of Canada in 1992 in recognition of several heritage values including: its role in the development of park management; pioneering visitor interpretation programs later adopted by national and provincial parks across the country; its role in inspiring artists, which in turn gave Canadians a greater sense of their country; and historic structures such as lodges, hotels, cottages, camps, entrance gates, a railway station, and administration and museum buildings. Algonquin Park is the only designated park within the province of Ontario to allow industrial logging to take place within its borders.

Favorite quote by foreign author: "Approach everything rationally, and you become harsh. Pole along in the stream of emotions, and you will be swept away by the current. Give free rein to your desires, and you become uncomfortably confined. It is not a very agreeable place to live, this world of ours." – Sôseki Natsume.

My favorite musical recording: 3rd movement of Suite bergamasque, "Clair de lune" by Claude Debussy.



Iryna DOBROHORSKA

Born in: Rozdil, Lviv region, Ukraine.

Hometown: Lviv, Ukraine.

Ukrainian Catholic University was established in 1963. Faculty of Humanities (History).

2014 Senator Martha Bielish Scholarship recipient. Intern to **Ed Komarnicki for Souris-Moose Mountain, Saskatchewan, Conservative Party**. Ed has been involved in hosting CUPP interns for about five years. There is quite a number of electorate of Ukrainian ancestry among app. 47,000 constituency in Saskatchewan. Ed Komarnicki has been working in the sphere of law over thirty years. Lately Ed has been involved in women's empowerment programs as well as in improving Temporary Foreign Worker Program. Currently he serves his last term as Member of Parliament before his retirement.

My favourite Canadian Landscape is St. Lawrence River & Vieux Port de Quebec in Quebec City. St. Lawrence River has been a part of city's economic landscape for over 400 years. Vieux Port in Quebec served as a harbor for trade activities over the years throughout the centuries. These days it is an idyllic place with a public market, park and bike path.

Favourite quote by Ukrainian author: «Трішки терпіння. Трішки надії. Трішки любові. І трішки іронії» – Сергій Жадан. / "A bit of patience. A bit of hope. A bit of love. And a bit of irony" – Serhiy Zhadan.

Favourite quote by foreign author: "The problem of the present epoch is how to achieve solidarity that would not only respect the 'otherness' of another person, but also to allow hope for good from them" – Zygmunt Bauman.

Favourite musical recording: The Beatles – "A day in the life".



"Run for Army" Day (September 21, 2014): Denys Samoilenko, Mykhailo Oleksiienko, Canadian soldier, Pavlo Sorokin, Maksym Synytsya.



Oleh FEDAY

Born in: Lviv, Ukraine.

Hometown: Toronto, Canada.

York University was established in 1959. Faculty of Arts.

Macdonald-Laurier Program Intern.

2014 **Christina Bardyn** Scholarship recipient.

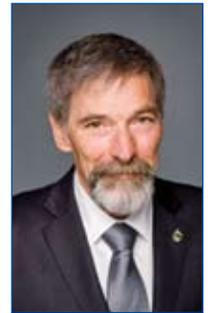
Intern to **Marc-André Morin MP of Laurentides–La-Belle, Quebec, New Democratic Party**. Prior to being elected, Morin was an environmentalist and journalist. He has previously worked in forestry and construction in the Yukon. When I asked Marc-André Morin about his thoughts on issues in Ukraine, he said the Ukrainian government was on the right track. However, he also said that changes will not happen overnight.

Outstanding Landmark or Architecture: The Swallow's Nest in Yalta, Ukraine, is one of the most magnificent buildings that I have seen in my life. It was built between 1911 and 1912 on a cliff that is 40 m high. It overlooks the Black Sea and Crimean Mountains. It was designed by Russian architect Leonid Sherwood. The building is truly breathtaking, the view is amazing, and it is one of the most visited landmarks in Crimea. The building itself is small, 20 m long and 10 m wide, nonetheless beautiful. At one point the building survived a serious earthquake, a 7 on a Richter scale, only small damages occurred. Throughout its history it changed its purpose, going from restaurants to book clubs, but now it serves only as a tourist attraction. It will always be part of sovereign Ukraine.

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!»

Favourite quote by foreign author: "Be yourself; everyone else is already taken." Oscar Wilde.

Favourite musical recording: The Parlotones – Colourful.





Oksana HUSS

Born in: Perechyn, Transcarpathia, Ukraine.

Hometown: Essen, Germany.

Transcarpathian State University,

established in 1996 in Uzhhorod, Faculty of International Relations.

Ludwig-Maximilians University Munich (est. in 1472), Geschwister Scholl Institute of Political Science.

University Duisburg-Essen (est. in 1654), Institute for Development and Peace.

Motto of the University: "Open-minded".

Foreign languages: Russian, German, English, Spanish.

Canada-Ukraine Parliamentary Program Intern and Macdonald-Laurier Program Intern

2014 Christina Bardyn Scholarship recipient.

Intern to Mylene FREEMAN, MP for Argenteuil–Parizeau–Mirabel, Quebec, New Democratic Party. Mylene was elected a Member of Parliament for NDP in the Canadian Federal election on May 2, 2011. She is currently a member of the Standing committee on Environment and Sustainable Development and has previously been a member of the Status of Women committee and the Citizenship and Immigration committee. She is the elected Chair of the NDP Women's Caucus and is a Vice-president of the Canadian Association of Parliamentarians on Population and Development. Mylene holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from McGill in Political Science and Philosophy. She hails originally from Stouffville, Ontario, and currently resides in Mirabel, Quebec.

Hanns-Seidel Scholarship recipient.

Last book read: "How Numbers Rule the World" by Lorenzo Fioramonti.

Favourite quote by Ukrainian author: "Ми працюємо любимо, що в творчість перейшла" – М. Рильський. "We love work, which overflowed in tocreativity" – M. Rylsky.

Favourite quote by foreign author: "Do not forsake

wisdom, and she will protect you; love her, and she will watch over you. Wisdom is supreme; therefore get wisdom. Though it cost all you have, get understanding." Proverbs 4:6-7.

Favourite music recording: "Over the Rainbow" performed by Israel Kamakawiwo'ole.

Outstanding landmark or architecture in Ukraine: The **Synagogue of Uzhhorod** was dedicated in 1904 for the Ashkenazic Jews community. This building was designed by two of the leading Austro-Hungarian architects, Frigyes Feszeli and Ludwig Forster and presents one fine example of the collective use of the Byzantine and Moorish elements in architecture. Since World War II the building has housed the Regional Philharmonic Society with the Transcarpathian Folk Choir served as Uzhhorod's concert hall, prized for its acoustics. All Jewish symbols have been removed, although as of 2012 there is a plaque on the front wall of the building commemorating the 85,000 Jews from Zakarpattia who died in the Holocaust.



Oleksandra KARABILO

Born in: Kerch, Ukraine.

Hometown: Kerch, Ukraine.

Petro Mohyla Black Sea State University was established in 1996. Faculty of Political science.

2014 **Senator Raynell Andreychuk** Scholarship recipient.

Intern to Corneliu Chisu, MP for Ricketing–Scarborough East, Ontario, New Democratic Party. Corneliu Chisu, Member of Standing Committee on Official Languages and Standing Committee on National Deference. Corneliu Chisu is a Professional Engineer and a retired Major (Engineers) from the Canadian Forces. Currently he is a Member of Parliament for Pickering – Scarborough East where he has lived for more than 30 years with his wife Cecilia and daughter Marta. He has served in various positions in the Professional Engineers Ontario including elected Vice President; Corneliu has made significant contributions

to his profession and country. Educated in both Eastern Europe and Canada, Corneliu has successfully practiced engineering and promoted technology exchange on two continents. Actively involved with the Cadets and The World Genesis Foundation, he promotes youth education in Canada and on the world stage. Corneliu has been recognized for his efforts and achievements with several awards both for his military service in the Balkans and Afghanistan (Kandahar), and his volunteer work with the Professional Engineers Ontario; receiving the Order of Honour, and induction as a Fellow of Engineers Canada. He speaks English, Italian, Romanian and Hungarian, fluently, and has a working knowledge of French, Russian and German. In Ottawa, Corneliu is a member of the Official Languages Committee, the National Defense Committee and is on the Executive Committee of the Canada-NATO Parliamentary Group, Canada-Europe Parliamentary Friendship Group, and the Interparliamentary Union. Aside from these organizations he holds a number of other executive and member positions on a plethora of other Parliamentary Friendship Groups. In the riding he is active in attending numerous community events, meeting with representatives of our Provincial and Municipal governments, and the people he serves to better understand their concerns. His goal is to create jobs, seek means and ways to improve transportation to reduce grid lock, see that the stakeholders are consulted during the process of creating the Rouge National Urban Park and to promote infrastructure development in his riding.

My favourite Canadian monument is Notre-Dame Cathedral Basilica in Ottawa. Notre-Dame Cathedral Basilica was designated a National Historic Site of Canada in 1990. The site was originally home to the small wooden St. Jacques Church built in 1832. This structure was destroyed in 1841 to make way for a larger church, designed by local builder Antoine Robillard and Father John Francis Cannon who requested a Neo-classical design. The main structure was completed in 1846. In 1847, the church was designated the cathedral of Bytown and Joseph-Brun Guigues was appointed the first bishop. He is honoured with a lifesize statue at the southwest corner of the cathedral grounds. In 1859, Father Damase Dandurand, OMI, designed the two Gothic spires which were added to the west front in 1866. Earlier, in 1849-50, he designed the Archbishop's Palace and in 1862-63, added the choir loft. In 1879, Pope Leo XIII designated the cathedral as a minor basilica. The Basilica is the oldest and largest church in Ottawa and the seat of the city's Roman Catholic archbishop. Its twin spires and gilded

Madonna are easily identifiable from nearby Parliament Hill and the surrounding area. The church was last renovated and restored in the late 1990s. Services are held in both French and English. Governor General Georges Vanier and Prime Minister Sir Wilfrid Laurier both were given state funerals at the Cathedral.

Favourite quote by Ukrainian author: «Без бажання все важке, навіть найлегше» – Григорій Сковорода. / “Without a desire everything is difficult even the easiest” – Hryhoriy Skovoroda.

Favourite quote by foreign author: “The unexamined life is not worth living” – Socrates.

Favourite musical recording: Jamie Cullum – “These Are The Days”, Peggy Lee – “Love”, All Stars – “We Are The World”, Queen – “We Are The Champions”.



Olga KARKHANINA

Born in: Novotroitsk, Kherson oblast, Ukraine.

Hometown: Sudak, Crimea.

Vadym Hetman National Economic University of Kyiv was established in 1906. Faculty of International Economics.

2014 **Vasyl Kereliuk Scholarship** recipient.

Intern to **Joe Daniel, MP for Don Valley East, Ontario, Conservative party.** This year Mr. Daniel is a member of the House of Commons Standing Committee on Industry, Science and Technology, and the Standing Committee on Official Languages. Joe decided to become a Member of Parliament unexpectedly even to himself. He had just applied and won the elections. He is an engineer by profession. Joe is very open and kind person. He likes to help people in his riding. Also he is a fighter against tuberculosis. Joe supports a lot of charity work in Sri-Lanka. His main aim is to work for improving Canadian standard of living via tax reduction, job creation, growing businesses etc. Mr. Daniel worked as a Professor in Humber and

Centennial Colleges and as a Professor he likes mentoring people and this is the main reason why he has interns in his office. His basic advice to all interns is: "Have a vision in your life, because without a vision people perish. Knowledge applies into understanding and when you become understanding you become wise."

My favourite Canadian landscape is the BAPS Shri Swaminarayan mandir. The BAPS Shri Swaminarayan mandir in Toronto, Canada is a traditional Hindu place of worship that was built by the BAPS Swaminarayan Sanstha. The BAPS Swaminarayan Sanstha, which is headed by Pramukh Swami Maharaj, is a global spiritual organization within the Swaminarayan branch of Hinduism. The mandir was built in 18 months and consists of 24,000 pieces of hand-carved Italian carrara marble, Turkish limestone and Indian pink stone. The mandir is the largest of its kind in Canada and was constructed according to guidelines outlined in ancient Hindu scriptures. The grounds spread over 18 acres and in addition to the mandir, include a haveli and the Heritage Museum. The Mandir is a masterpiece of intricate design and workmanship of ancient Indian arts, traditions and philosophy. Visitors come to the Mandir to experience Hinduism and the peace and tranquility the sacred Mandir and murtis provide. Together with the Mandir, the Heritage Museum showcases the history and culture of the Indo-Canadian diaspora. With a central theme of "Unity in Diversity" the museum's aim is to educate the public through a myriad of creative and visually stunning exhibits.

Favourite quote by Ukrainian author: «Де злагода в сімействі, де мир і тишина, щасливі там люди, блаженна сторона» – Іван Котляревський. / "The blessed place is where there is harmony in family, peace and quiet and happy people in it" – Ivan Kotlyarevskiy. «Раз добром нагріте серце вік не прохолоне» – Тарас Шевченко. / "A heart being once warmed with well-being will not be cold for centuries" – Taras Shevchenko.

Favourite quote by foreign author: "Better to remain silent and be thought a fool than to speak out and remove all doubt" - Abraham Lincoln. "Good actions give strength to ourselves and inspire good actions in others" - Plato. "Life is like riding a bicycle. To keep your balance, you must keep moving" - Albert Einstein.

Favourite musical recording: James Brown – "It's a Man's Man's World".



Petro KOCHERHAN

Born in: Lviv, Ukraine.

Hometown: Lviv, Ukraine.

Ivan Franko National University of Lviv was

established in 1661. Faculty of Management.

2014 **Antin Hlynka** Scholarship recipient.

Intern to **Peggy Nash, MP for Parkdale-High Park, Toronto, Ontario, New Democratic Party.** Peggy Nash was first elected to Parliament in 2006. Since the May 2011 election, Peggy has served as an Official Opposition finance critic and she also has been a Vice Chair of the Standing Committee on Finance. A graduate in French language and literature from the University of Toronto, Peggy is fluent in English, French and Spanish. She is proud to be a founding member of Equal Voice, a multi-partisan organization that advocates for the election of more women in Canada. Peggy loves her job and tries to help people in any way she can. In her constituency there are many representatives of Ukrainian diaspora. She loves Ukraine and Ukrainian language. I was surprised when she told me about herself in Ukrainian and when she sang me the Ukrainian anthem. I was really honored to work with her. Spending time in Peggy's office is very interesting and educative. Every day I found out something new for me.

My favourite Canadian Landscape is Saint Joseph's Oratory in Montreal. Saint Joseph's Oratory of Mount Royal is recognized as the largest shrine in the world dedicated to Saint Joseph; a jewel of Canadian history! A haven of peace and spirituality in the heart of Montréal, Saint Joseph's Oratory offers religious celebrations, concerts, exhibits, and a host of other activities. In the spirit of its founder Saint Brother André, this center of pilgrimage continues its ministry to all people in this unique setting of natural beauty. Founded in 1904, this sacred space welcomes over two million pilgrims and visitors annually. There are many services such as lodging, restaurant, gift shop, exhibition halls and meeting rooms, for an enriched cultural and spiritual experience. Founded in 1904 by Brother André and his friends, the original tiny chapel



gradually grew over the 20th century into the impressive structure it is today. This great adventure is one that is shared by the entire Quebec population. After more than a century, this sanctuary of prayer and peace is still going strong thanks to the inspiration of its founder. Visitors can climb 283 steps at Saint Joseph's Oratory between street level and the Basilica. A flight of 99 wooden steps is reserved for prayer and for those pilgrims who wish to climb on their knees. The Basilica can seat 2200 people.

Favourite quote by Ukrainian author: «І все на світі треба пережити, бо кожен фініш – це по суті старт. І наперед не треба ворожити, і за минулим плакати не варт» – Ліна Костенко. / “Everything in the world is to be experienced, because every end – is essentially a beginning, at the onset there is no need to fight, and there is no use in crying for the past” – Lina Kostenko.

Favourite quote by foreign author: “Always acknowledge a fault. This will throw those in authority off their guard and give you an opportunity to commit more” Mark Twain.

Favourite musical recording: Jason Mraz – “Lucky”.



Sofiya KOMINKO

Born in Ternopil, Ukraine.

Hometown: Vancouver, British Columbia.

University of Ottawa – Faculty of Arts; Communications and Political Science.

Languages: Ukrainian, English, Russian, and French.

Macdonald Laurier Program: Intern.

Mazurenko Family Scholarship: recipient.

Intern to **Wladislaw Lizon**, MP for Mississauga East-Cooksville in the province of Ontario. Mr. Lizon was elected to the House of Commons in 2011, representing the Conservative Party of Canada. He is the first Polish-born MP elected to the House. Lizon graduated with an engineering degree from AGH University of

Science and Technology in Poland. From 2005-2010, he served as President of the Canadian-Polish Congress and was instrumental in removing the visa requirement for Polish citizens travelling to Canada. Sitting on both the Health Committee and Veterans Affairs Committee, Mr. Lizon works tirelessly on issues of importance to all Canadians.

Outstanding Landmark or architecture in Canada: Located on the coast of the Gaspésie Peninsula, Percé Rock is a colossal natural landmark that welcomes many tourists annually. The large boulder is a natural landmark that impresses many with its size, colour, and beauty. Because of the many belvederes (Mt. Joli, Mt. Sainte-Anne and Pic de l'Aurore, just to name a few) situated here, the landmark can be viewed from many angles. It can also be observed by boat and by foot when the tide is low. Bonaventure Island (4.16 km²) faces the town of Percé. It has one of the most important gannet colonies in the world and many other species of birds such as puffins, cormorants and murrelets. The city is also a popular site for whale watching.

Last Ukrainian author read: Записки українського самашедшого – Ліна Костенко.

Last foreign author read: *A Handful of Dust* – Evelyn Waugh.

Favorite quote in English: “Behold I do not give lectures or a little charity, When I give, I give myself.” – Walt Whitman.

Favorite quote in Ukrainian: “В усіх науках і мистецтвах плодом є вірна практика.” (Г. С. Сковорода).

Favorite musical recording: Fast Car by Tracy Chapman.

Favorite Ukrainian musical recording: Вночі by Святослав Вакарчук.



Meeting with Senator Raynell Andreychuk. Tsezarii Zhydetskyi, Arsen Yevchuk, Varvara Shmygalova.



Maria KOROLENKO

Born in: Kyiv, Ukraine.

Hometown: Kyiv, Ukraine.

National University of "Kyiv-MohylaAcademy"

was established in 1615. Faculty of Social Sciences.

2014 **Senator Paul Yuzyk** Scholarship recipient.

Intern to **Linda Duncan, MP for Edmonton-Strathcona, Alberta, New Democratic Party.** Linda Duncan was elected Member of Parliament for Edmonton-Strathcona in October of 2008, becoming the second New Democrat MP ever from the province of Alberta, and the only non-Conservative to represent the province in the 40th Parliament. She was re-elected with an increased majority in 2011. She was served as the NDP Critic for the Environment, for Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development and for Public Works and Government Services and is now critic for Western Economic Diversification. Before her election to Parliament, Linda worked as an international environmental law consultant based in Edmonton. She held a senior portfolio as the Chief of Enforcement for Environment Canada, and served as Assistant Deputy Minister for Renewable Resources for the Yukon government. Internationally, she has served as a senior legal advisor to Indonesia, Bangladesh and Jamaica in instituting programs for effective environmental enforcement. Linda is a graduate of Strathcona High School and the University of Alberta.

My favourite Canadian Landscape is whalewatching in Tadoussac. The modern village of Tadoussac lies close to the site of the original settlement at the mouth of the Saguenay River. It is known as a tourist destination because of the rugged beauty of the Saguenay fjord and its facilities for whale watching. Belugas favor the extreme depth and admixture of cold fresh water from the Saguenay River into the inland end of the Gulf of Saint Lawrence. Humpbacks, Minkees, Fin and Blue whales are also frequently seen off Tadoussac.

Favourite quote by Ukrainian author: «Я єсть народ, якого Правди сила ніким звойована ще не була. Яка біда мене, яка чума косила! – а сила знову розцвіла» – Павло Тичина. / "I am the nation, whose power of truth has yet to be conquered by anyone. What an evil, what a plague hurt me, still my strength blossomed once again" – Pavlo Tychyna.

Favourite quote by foreign author: "Be the change that you wish to see in the world" - Mahatma Gandhi.

Favourite musical recording: Florence and the Machine – "Breathe of Life".



Oleksiy KOVALENKO

Born in: Kyiv, Ukraine.

Hometown: Kyiv, Ukraine.

Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv

was established in 1843. Faculty of Psychology.

2014 **Volodymyr Hrynyk** Scholarship recipient.

Intern to **Raymond Cote, MP for Beauport-Limoilou, Quebec, New Democratic Party.** Raymond received a Bachelor of Arts degree from the Université Laval in 1993 in economics and international relations. Before being elected, Raymond worked at Services Québec and has been a resident of Limoilou for 20 years. He has a rich life experience and he knows about difficulties of the little guy. He knows what it is like and what it takes to make it. Getting involved and never giving up. Now he is MP for Beauport-Limoilou and started his mandate as a member of the Shadow Cabinet as critic on the subject of Small Business & Tourism. After seating on the Committee on Justice and Human Rights, Raymond now seats on the Committee on Finance. His field of interests have a very wide range from politics and finances to social standards, culture and Art. Raymond is an active community member and volunteer. He is a member of the committee "La Ville que nous voulons" and is a member of "Collectif Québec pour la Paix". He is also treasurer of the "Centre de parrainage civique de Québec" which seeks to break the isolation of persons in need. He genuinely cares about people and their issues. He will try to know their issue as much as he can to make a difference. M. Côté is a prominent politician, one of a few MP's in the House of Commons that can easily make an impressive and exciting speech based on his ideas and political concepts without help of any speechwriter. He is an honorable man respected by his constituency, other MP's, even from other parties as well as by his staff at the office and at the riding. In private conversations his staffers call him: "The one of the Top 10 bosses on the Hill". His staffers are real professionals with reach

experience, knowledge and clear understanding of how the political system should work. It is a pleasure for me to be an Intern in his office, working together with his wonderful staff: Robert Alexander Seguin, David Chamberland, Valerie Picard Lavoie and Mathieu Giroux, being a part of a friendly and big family of Beauport-Limoelou, Quebec.

My favorite Canadian landscape is Gatineau Park, Quebec. A wonderful natural resort place where you can feel all power of freedom and charming magic of breath taking momentum. It is a place for self-improvement, somewhere where you can refill your energy in order to continue investigating this dynamic and prosperous country. Make yourself a present and go to see the beauty of Gatineau Park together with your friends.

Favourite quote by Ukrainian author: «Ні про що не турбуватись, ні за чим не турбуватись – значить, не жити, а бути мертвим, адже турбота – рух душі, а життя – цу рух» – Григорій Сковорода. / “Being worried about nothing, being excited about nothing – means not to live but to be dead, as excitement is movement of a soul and life is movement itself” – Hryhoriy Skovoroda.

Favourite quote by foreign author: “Human history in essence is the history of ideas” – Herbert Wells, “My favorite things in life don’t cost any money. It is really clear that the most precise resource we all have is time” – Steve Jobs.

My favourite musical recording: Pikkardiyska Terciya – “Hey plyve kacha”, Volodumur Ivasyk – “Chervona Ruta, Simon and Garfunkel – “Scarborough Fair”.



Nataliia MASLENNYKOVA

Born in: Dnipropetrovsk, Ukraine.

Hometown: Dnipropetrovsk, Ukraine.

Oles Honchar Dnipropetrovsk National University was established in 1918. Faculty of International Economics.

2014 **Senator David Tkachuk** Scholarship recipient.

Intern to **Alexandrine Latendresse, MP for Louis-Saint-Laurent, Quebec, New Democratic Party.** Al-

exandrine was elected as a Member of Parliament for NDP in the Canadian federal election on May 2, 2011. She succeeded former Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs Josée Verner of the Conservative Party. Also she introduced Bill C-419, which became a law and which required Officers of Parliament to function in both official languages without the help of an interpreter. During the constitution of the NDP Shadow Cabinet, Jack Layton nominated Alexandrine to the Standing Committee on Procedure of House Affairs and deputy critic to Democratic Reform. She was later promoted to vice-chair of this same committee in the fall of 2012. Alexandrine took part in the Parliamentary commission to Ukraine in May 2012 and was chosen as a delegate to the Asia-Pacific Forum held in Vladivostok in January 2013. She is the chair of the Canada-Georgia Parliamentary Friendship Group. Alexandrine with her assistants Myriam Pineault-Latreille and Jean Francois Tessier helped me to familiarize myself and explore all nuances of Canadian parliamentary system. As well as they made me feel as part of one strong team. While being on the plane to Canada, I had a feeling that these months will be special, and I was totally right. It is a live-changing experience with life-changing people.

My favourite Canadian landscape is Niagara Falls. The Waterfalls of Niagara are located on the Niagara River and consist of three different waterfalls on the international border between Canada and the United States (Horseshoe Falls, the American Falls and the Bridal Veil Falls). The Niagara Falls are renowned for their beauty and as a valuable source of hydroelectric power. Managing the balance between recreational, commercial, and industrial uses has been a challenge for the stewards of the falls since the 19th century. Twelve million tourists from all over the world visit Niagara Falls every summer.

Favourite quote by Ukrainian author: «І жах не в тому, що щось зміниться, – жах у тому, що все може залишитися так само» – Ліна Костенко.

Favourite quote by foreign author: “There are only two ways to live your life. One is as though nothing is miracle. The other is as though everything is a miracle” – Albert Einstein.

Favourite musical recording: Ludovico Einaudi – Divenire, Bonobo – All In Forms, Burial – Archangel, Parovoz Stelar – Mila’s Dream.





Anna MELENCHUK

Born in: Lviv, Ukraine.

Hometown: Lviv, Ukraine.

Kyiv National Taras Shevchenko University was established in 1834. Faculty of International relations. 2014 Senator **Michael Wall** Scholarship recipient. Intern to **Peter Julian, MP for Burnaby-New Westminster, British Columbia, New Democratic Party.** Peter Julian is an Official Opposition House Leader and one of the most active Canadian Members of Parliament. He is considered to be the most loquacious MP on Parliament Hill, uttering approximately 226,027 words last year in the House of Commons. In the 40th Parliament, Peter ranked 3rd most active MP out of 308 MPs for Private Member's Legislation. I really enjoy working with Peter because of his commitment to people. I can describe him as a generous, responsible and open-minded person who is always ready to help and give a piece of advice. A community activist, Peter Julian was Executive Director of the Council of Canadians and later the Hearing. Therefore Peter has a working knowledge in American Sign Language. During his work in Parliament, Peter has worked hard for the people of Burnaby–New Westminster by helping them with federal issues such as employment insurance, pensions, citizenship and immigration. He has held dozens of well-attended local community fora where he listens to people's concerns and takes action to help. Peter served as NDP Critic on Energy & Natural Resources, International Trade, Finance, Industry, Transport, Persons with Disabilities, Gateways Treasury Board, Western Fisheries Critic and the Vancouver 2010 Olympics.

My favorite Canadian place is a CN Tower in Toronto. At 553 meter (1,815 feet) in height, the CN Tower was technically the world's tallest building (including communications towers) from its completion in 1976 until 2009. The Toronto Tourist Board estimates that approximately two million visitors annually head to the tower, which was built between 1973 and 1976 by Canadian National in hopes of demonstrating the strength of Canadian industry by building a tower taller than any other in the world. However, the CN Tower was actually built for more practical reasons as well. A Canadian construction boom in the 1960s transformed

the downtown area into a region of skyscrapers, causing a major telecommunications problem throughout the city of Toronto. With its microwave receptors located at 338 m (1,109 ft.) and 553m (1,815 ft.), the CN Tower quickly solved the communication problems for the city, which had become a major concern for both businesses and residents. At night the tower is illuminated with a programmable LED lighting. The colors change throughout the year to celebrate or honor specific occasions.

Favourite quote by a Ukrainian author: «Любіть Україну у сні й наяву, вишневу свою Україну, красу її, вічно живу і нову, і мову її солов'їну» – Володимир Сосюра. “Love Ukraine in dreams and in reality, yours cherry Ukraine, its beauty, always alive and new, its nightingale's language” – Volodymyr Sosyura.

Favourite quote by a foreign author: “Ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country.” – John F. Kennedy.

My favourite musical recording: Chris de burgh – “Lady in red”.

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for me. With over one million visitors annually, High Park is the jewel of Toronto's park system. Centrally located on 399 acres of land in the heart of the Toronto, High Park provides visitors with a unique and unusual sense of wilderness. Combining forested area, riparian zones including creeks and the largest pond in Toronto, as well as recreational facilities and well-maintained park land, High Park has something for everyone. High park is home to countless species of wildlife, including insects, birds, amphibians and reptiles, fish and mammals. Recognized as one of the most significant natural sites within the City of Toronto, the park contains an outstanding concentration of rare plant species. The most famous and admired plant communities in the park are the black oak savannahs; remnants of the sand prairie systems that once covered much of southern Ontario's landscape. By some estimates, less than one percent of oak savannah ecosystems are left in the world and High Park contains the fourth largest remnant globally. High Park is also home to many recreational opportunities, including walking trails, a zoo, a swimming pool and wading pool, an outdoor ice rink in winter, and two baseball diamonds. Stroll through the park and you will find hundreds of walkers, dogs with their owners, cyclists, naturalists, children and families of all ages.

Last Book Read: Of Mice and Men – John Steinbeck.

Favourite Quote: “Continuous effort – not strength or intelligence – is the key to unlocking our potential.” – Winston Churchill.

Favourite Ukrainian Quote: "Нащо говорити там, де треба діяти?" – Богдан Хмельницький.

Favourite Musical Recording: Strawberry Swing — Coldplay.



Anastasiia MELNYK

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Hometown: Kyiv, Ukraine.

National University of "Kyiv Mohyla Academy"

was established in 1615. Faculty of Social Sciences and Social Technologies.

2014 **John & Julia Stashuk** Scholarship recipient.

Intern to **Chrystia Freeland, MP for Toronto Centre, Ontario, Liberal Party**. Born in Peace River, Alberta in a family of Ukrainian descent Chrystia Freeland went a long way until she decided to go for a political career. Alumna of Harvard University where she got her Bachelor of Arts degree and St Antony's at the University of Oxford where she got her Master of Studies as a Rhodes Scholar, Chrystia became a world renowned journalist and writer. Starting her career as a stringer in Ukraine for Financial Times, The Washington Post and The Economist she went all the way in her career to the deputy editor of the Financial Times in London, Moscow bureau chief and Eastern Europe correspondent for Financial Times, the deputy editor of The Globe and Mail, managing director of Thomson Reuters, editor of Thomson Reuters Digital, and United States managing editor at the Financial Times. While working as a journalist she finished a New York Times bestseller and an award winning book "Plutocrats: The Rise of the New Global Super-Rich and the Fall of Everyone Else" published in 2012 and "Sale of the Century" published in 2000 on the drastic shift of Russia from communism to capitalism. But it was only in 2013 that Chrystia left journalism and decided to enter politics in Canada and as a trades critic of the Liberal party she already has a reputation of a prominent politician. For me Chrystia is definitely someone I could consider being a role model. She is a strong and smart woman, very self and team demanding yet she has a great respect for people around her. I first saw her as a speaker at TEDx Global in June, 2013 on plutocrats and the rise of economic inequality caused by globalization, based on her non-fiction book "Plutocrats: The Rise of the New Global Super-Rich and the

Fall of Everyone Else". Back then I remember it was one of the talks to be discussed in my company of friends and my admiration for her ideas and concerns. Back then I would hardly believe that she will become a politician and exactly in a year I will get an opportunity to work with her alongside with her assistants in the Parliament of Canada.

My favourite Canadian Landscape is Cape Breton Island. The first thing I heard of Nova Scotia where Cape Breton Island is situated is that it's a paradise for those who loves untouched nature and spots with a view. Both sounded perfect to me but those are just a few very generalized highlights of that beautiful location. Although I heard about it for the first time just before arriving in Canada as CUPP intern I got to know later that this island is rated the #1 Island to visit in continental North America by Travel and Leisure Magazine. "For simple beauty, Cape Breton outrivals them all," said Alexander Graham Bell who adopted this island as his home after having his first vacation in the small village of Baddeck in 1885. A lot of works, papers, writings and correspondence of this Scottish-born scientist and inventor who invented the first practical phone reside in Alexander Graham Bell Institute, Cape Breton University, Nova Scotia. Unique views of Cape Breton highlands, driving the world famous Cabot Trail, and least known but not less beautiful Marconi trail, Fleur-de-Lis trail, Ceilidh trail, and Bras d'Or lake scenic drive; in addition to that one can enjoy Atlantic seafood, beautiful beach line, its unbelievable rocky coastline and up to 19 meters long friendly humpback whales in the waters surrounding the island – this makes a perfect mixture for an unforgettable time off with no laptops, cellphones, constant rush and hectic schedules. For me the most wanted place to see in Cape Breton remained to be the Cabot Trail, which is considered being one of the most scenic destinations in the whole world. Summertime is the best time to experience all the beauty of the Cape Breton Island yet in October the fall foliage makes it even more breathtaking. Hiking, driving the roads with the most beautiful sceneries, whales watching – these times are never to be forgotten for the visitor of this island.

Favourite quote by Ukrainian author: «Світло бачиться тоді, коли світло в очах є» – Григорій Сковорода. / "One can see the light if he has it in his eyes" – Hryhoriy Scovoroda.

Favourite quote by foreign author: "Donc tu te dégages / Des humains suffrages / Des communs éans / Et voles selon..." – Arthur Rimbaud. "After all you threw the burden / Of the humans approval / Of

the common applause / And you soared into the heights..." – Arthur Rimbaud.

My favourite musical recording: Anton Batagov – "4U".



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Lyenyera Myemyetova

Born in: Yevpatoriya, Crimea.

Hometown: Yevpatoriya.

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. 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 on the Defense and Industry, Science and Technology Committees, Cheryl was elected Chair of the Canadian-NATO Parliamentary Association. Moreover, 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.

2014 Dopomoha Ukraini Foundation Scholarship recipient.

Foreign languages: Crimean Tatar (mother tongue) English, Russian, Ukrainian.

Favorite quote by foreign author: "If you think you're tops, you won't do much climbing." – Arnold Glasow.

My favorite musical recording: folk music.

My favourite Canadian Landscape is Gatineau Park in Ottawa, Quebec. As part of the National Capital Region, Gatineau Park is a 361 square kilometres wedge of land extending north and west from the city of Gatineau QC. With a perimeter of 179.2 kilometres, the park includes parts of the municipalities of Chel-

sea, Pontiac, La Pêche, and the City of Gatineau. The main entrance to the park is 4 kilometres north of downtown Ottawa, Ontario. The park's area has a long history of human inhabitation and usage predating the arrival of European settlers. Its more recent pre-park history includes various forms of human exploitation such as farming, logging, hunting, and industrial activity. The idea of creating a park in the Gatineau Hills for recreational purposes was proposed as early as 1903. In 1938 money was allotted for the acquisition of Gatineau woodlands (for preservation) and the construction of a parkway. Nowadays it's an excellent place to spend your time with maximum enjoyment and benefit regardless the weather.



Oleg NAUMENKO

Born in Kharkiv, Ukraine.

Hometown: Kyiv, Ukraine.

University of Cambridge was established in 1209. Faculty of History.

2014 Michael Starr scholarship recipient.

Intern to Mike Wallace, MP for Burlington, Ontario, Conservative Party, East Block. Mike has participated in the CUPP Program for the past few years. Mr. Wallace has a rich political career, starting at the Burlington City Council, moving to the post of a councillor and then winning the 2006 federal election to represent Burlington in the Canadian House of Commons. Mike is one of the most energetic politicians on the Hill as the Chairman of Standing Committee on Justice and Human Rights, the Marine Industry Caucus and member of the Industry and Finance committees. I find Mike's involvement in trade relations between Canada and Japan most interesting, as I had an honour to do a variety of administrative tasks linked to this area of his work. It was particularly interesting to have an opportunity to listen how he explained the importance of the Canada-South Korea free trade agreement signed on September 22. The document paves a way to new

business opportunities for Canada and South Korea that can boost Canada's economy by \$1.7 billion and create thousands of jobs. Canadian beef producers are especially happy about the deal, since this landmark agreement can substitute the losses that Canadian businessmen experienced on the U.S. market and even surpass their former profit levels. Canadian politicians uphold the principle of the "rule of law" as the pillar of freedom and democracy. One can notice a great number of monuments devoted to war heroes and those who fought for peace in Canada. Ukrainian politicians and society can learn about how dear the price of peace can be, and how determined you should be to establish a prosperous country. Nowadays, Canadians do not participate in major wars, however, political debates on either trade or military assistance to Iraq are no less heated.

My favourite Canadian landscape is the First Baptist Church and 160 Elgin Street building in Ottawa. Someone may think of the place as typical for Ottawa but it stroke me as a marvelous combination of old and new. First Baptist Church was founded in 1857; its cornerstone was laid by the then Prime Minister Alexander MacKenzie, himself a Baptist, who regularly attended services when he was in Ottawa. The church is built from grey stone, which is quite common for religious buildings in Canada – it is also part of a distinctively Canadian style. British Anglican or Presbyterian churches, for example, are largely made from brown materials. But I find the skyscraper behind the church even more interesting. Firstly, it shows how skillful architects are able to integrate old and new buildings into a unified landscape. Secondly, I always wondered what kind of houses did Ayn Rand described in her iconic novel "The Fountainhead". The spirit of the 1950s, boundless ambitions and confidence that anyone can achieve success against all odds are reflected in this building. This view inspired me everyday when I was going to work at the Parliament and I will take it with me as a reminder of my great experiences during the Canada-Ukraine Parliamentary Program.

Favourite quote by foreign author: "Education is the most powerful weapon" – Nelson Mandela.

Favourite music recording: The Heavy "What makes a good man?"



Vasylyna ODNORIH

Born in: Zarichchia, Lviv oblast, Ukraine.

Hometown: Zarichchia, Lviv oblast, Ukraine.

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

2014 **Alexandra & Eugene Sukniarsky** Scholarship recipient.

Intern to **Lawrence Toet, MP for Elmwood-Transcona, Manitoba, Conservative Party.** Lawrence Toet originally comes from Elmwood-Transcona in Manitoba. He won the 2011 elections and became the first ever Conservative representative from his riding to the House of Commons. In addition to representing the people of Elmwood-Transcona in the federal government, Lawrence also serves as a member of Standing Committee on Transport, Infrastructure and Communities as well as Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development. Before becoming a Member of the Parliament Mr. Toet dedicated 25 years to working as a partner at a family owned business in Transcona – Premier Printing. Even at that time Lawrence was greatly involved in the community serving as a coach and director for local community clubs as well as co-chair of a local citizens group that advocated on behalf of local citizens. It is one of outstanding features of Canadian government to encourage constant dialogue with people in the provinces and territories, and Mr. Toet accomplishes that in practice by remaining strong ties with his community. Among many projects and initiatives supported, Lawrence is currently actively involved in CEO Sleepout organized by the Downtown Winnipeg BIZ since 2011 to help address long-term social and economic costs of homelessness. Although being of a Dutch origin, Lawrence has been very active regarding Ukrainian matters and had shown support and compassion for Ukrainians on many occasions. For instance, Mr. Toet has attended Ukraine for the May 25 Elections as an observer for Canada's OSCE Parliamentary Association's Presidential Election Observation Mission. Through his work with other MPs, Mr. Toet is doing an outstanding work to strengthen Canada-Ukraine friendship.

My favourite Canadian monument is the Centennial Flame. Located on the Parliament Hill in Ottawa, the Flame commemorates Canada's 100th anniversary as a Confederation. The Flame was first lit as the climax of the centennial celebrations of January 1, 1967, in the presence of then Prime Minister Lester B. Pearson. The Flame is fuelled by natural gas and surrounded by a fountain whose ledge contains the shields of 12 of Canada's provinces and territories. Only Nunavut is missing as it was not created until 1999. This Centennial Flame was established as a temporary monument, but due to great public support it still stands today. It is located near the Queen's Gates (the center gate), in front of the stairs leading to the Peace Tower and Centre Block. The Centennial was celebrated across Canada in various ways. The government also encouraged the building of a Centennial memorial in each of Canada's 10 provinces. The Centennial Flame is encompassed by a fountain into which many visitors to Parliament Hill throw coins for luck. That change is gathered, washed, dried and sorted by maintenance before it is put into a government bank account. From there the money is given to the winner of the Centennial Flame Research Award. The award, which was begun in 2005, is given "to a person with a disability to enable him or her to conduct research and prepare a report on the contributions of one or more Canadians with disabilities to the public life of Canada or the activities of Parliament." Because of the fire that burns above the water, the fountain doesn't freeze even in the middle of the winter.

Favourite quote by Ukrainian author: «Живе той, хто не живе для себе, хто для других виборює життя» – Василь Симоненко. / "Lives not that one who lives for himself, but the one, who is fighting for others" – Vasyl Symonenko.

Favourite quote by foreign author: "We are generally more persuaded by the reasons we discover ourselves than by those given to us by others" – Blaise Pascal.

My favourite musical recording: Ludovico Einaudi – "Nuvole Bianche".



Mykhailo OLEKSIENKO

Born in: Odessa, Ukraine.

Hometown: Odessa, Ukraine.

Odessa National Polytechnic University was established in 1918. Institute Business, Economics and Business Administration, major in Computer Science.

2014 **Humeniuk Family Scholarship** Recipient.

Intern to **Peter Goldring**, MP for **Edmonton East**, Alberta; Justice Building. Islands in the Caribbean to explore the possibility of annexation of the islands to Canada. In September 2004, Goldring was appointed as the Conservative Party Foreign Affairs Critic for the Caribbean. A week after the passage of Hurricane Ivan over Grenada, Goldring visited the islands of Barbados, St. Lucia, Dominica, and Grenada, touring much of the destruction left on Grenada. Upon returning to Canada, Goldring pressed the government for much needed assistance for Grenada. As reported by the *Globe and Mail* on February 19, 2010, Goldring sent out a pamphlet to his constituents describing Louis Riel as a villain with blood on his hands who stood in the way of Confederation. He also resisted calls to overturn Riel's conviction for treason and for him to be named a Father of Confederation. According to Métis historians and scholars George and Terry Goulet Goldring's pamphlet was "riddled with numerous egregious errors and many omissions". When Toronto's York University-based Canadian Homelessness Research Network (CHRN) released the first Canadian Definition of Homelessness in 2012, Goldring, a member of the Edmonton Committee to End Homelessness, argued that the CHRN's definition of homelessness painted an overly broad picture including those who were "having a hard time financially." Goldring felt that, "You don't want to look at it coldly, but they're really not in desperate need until they're holding that eviction notice in their hand." Following the adoption of the 10 year plan Edmonton's homeless population dropped to 2,421 people in 2009, from 3,079 people in 2008. Goldring supports private sector company provision of affordable housing such as Boardwalk Rental Com-

munities and Developer ProCura's Mayfair Village project and is firmly against public sector social housing solutions. He was against the "\$1 billion social industry cost number for 3,000 homes quoted in the Edmonton Committee to End Homelessness's 2009 report.

My favourite Canadian landscape is York University campus. That is a public research university in Toronto, Ontario, Canada. It is Canada's third-largest university. York University has approximately 55,000 students, 7,000 faculty and staff, and 260,000 alumni worldwide. It has eleven faculties, namely the Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies, Faculty of Science, Lassonde School of Engineering, Schulich School of Business, Osgoode Hall Law School, Glendon College, Faculty of Education, Faculty of Fine Arts, Faculty of Health, Faculty of Environmental Studies, Faculty of Graduate Studies, and 28 research centres. York University participates in the Canadian Space Program. The Faculty of Science and Lassonde School of Engineering are Canada's primary research facility into Martian exploration, and have designed several space research instruments and applications currently used by NASA. York has pioneered some of the first PhD programs in Canada, in various fields including women's studies. The School of Social Work is recognized as having one of the most socially responsive programs in the country. York University's business school and law school have continuously and consistently been ranked among the top schools in Canada and the world.

Favourite quote by foreign author: "There are worse crimes than burning books. One is not reading them. – Ray Bradbury. / "All human actions have one or more of these seven causes: chance, nature, compulsion, habit, reason, passion, and desire. – Aristotle.

Favourite musical recording: Jaroslav Dzhuz – "Californication, "Ukrainian Style"; Okean Elzy – "Rendez-Vous".



Birthday party. L to R: Vasylyna Odnorih. Anna Melenchuk, Liliya Shmyhlyska.



Khrystyna OLIARNYK

Born in: Zhovti Vody, Dnipropetrovsk region, Ukraine.

Hometown: Zhovti Vody, Dnipropetrovsk region, Ukraine.

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

2014 **Anna Mazurenko** Scholarship recipient.

Intern to **Mike Sullivan, MP for York South-Weston, Ontario, New Democratic Party.** Mike Sullivan was elected as Member of Parliament for York South-Weston in 2011, representing the New Democratic Party. He serves in Parliament on the Standing Committee on Transport, Infrastructure and Communities. Mike is the NDP's Deputy Critic for Persons with Disabilities, and is Chair of the NDP's Rail Caucus. His educational background was obtained at the University of Toronto (Bachelor of Science degree). Over 10 years Mike Sullivan spent working at the CBC, then 27 years as a union representative for the Communications, Energy and Paper workers Union of Canada. Mike Sullivan stood up for the rights of media workers across Canada, at the CBC and at numerous media outlets across Ontario. York South-Weston is his home where he, his wife Andrée and their family have lived since 1992. It's where they raised their 7 children.

My favourite Canadian Landscape is Pink Lake at Gatineau Park. Pink Lake is one of the most popular and beautiful sites in Gatineau Park. Despite its name, the lake is brightly green. It is named after the Pink family which settled the land in 1826. The magnificent greenish tint to the waters of Pink Lake is caused by the growth of microscopic algae. With no oxygen at the bottom of Pink Lake, there is only one organism that lives in its depths — an anaerobic prehistoric organism. It is a pink photosynthetic bacterium that uses sulphur instead of oxygen when it transforms sunlight into energy. Pink Lake is also home to the three-spined stickleback fish, a salt water fish left behind by the Champlain Sea that used to cover the region. This little saltwater fish adapted to the lake's gradual desalination and today lives in the lake's fresh water. This

place is truly one of the most charming spots in Gatineau Park. The colour of water, the nature around will not leave you indifferent.

Favourite quote by Ukrainian author: «Борітеся – поборите» – Тарас Шевченко.

Favourite quote by foreign author: “You are only given a little spark of madness. You must not lose it” – Robin Williams.

My favourite musical recording: Low Deep T – “Casablanca”.



Olga OSYPCHUK

Born in: Korostyshiv, Zhytomyrska oblast, Ukraine.

Hometown: Kyiv.

Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv, Institute of International Relations, established in 1834. Department of International Law, specialty – European law.

Kyiv National Economic University, established in 1906. Department of Law.

Cathy Obal Scholarship recipient.

Intern to Hoang Mai, MP for Brossard–La Prairie, Québec. Hoang Mai is participating in the CUPP Program for the first time. He was elected New Democrat member of the parliament in his home constituency, Brossard–La Prairie in the elections of May 2011. Shortly after the election, Hoang Mai was named to the official opposition shadow cabinet as critic for National Revenue and since June 2011, he was active member of the House of Commons Standing Committee on Finance. In January 2013, NDP leader Thomas Mulcair gave him new responsibilities: as Deputy Critic for Justice. Since March 2014, he was given the role of Transport Critic for the Official Opposition and sits on the Standing Committee on Transport, Infrastructure and Communities. His passion – sports. Hoang Mai regularly plays hockey and is a volunteer soccer coach.

My favourite Canadian Landscape is Old Port of

Montreal. The Old Port of Montreal is the historic port of Montreal, Quebec. It is 2.2 kilometers long and lies along the St. Lawrence River, bordering on Old Montréal. The Old Port is a large waterfront green space with attractions such as Cirque du Soleil, the Montreal Science Center, the Labyrinth, the Clock Tower. Today, the Old Port of Montreal is host to more than 6 million visitors each year. With its marina and yacht club, it is also a port of call used by local pleasure crafts, Canadian, American and others. The Old Port is the perfect place for dining, people watching, relaxing, shopping, and enjoying sunny days, as there is the atmosphere of harmony, peace and inspiration.

Favourite quote by foreign author: You have your way. I have my way. As for the right way, the correct way, and the only way, it does not exist – Friedrich Nietzsche.

Favourite musical recording: “Je veux” by ZAZ, “Na nebi”, “Vstavai” by Okean Elzy.



Monika OTASOVIIE

Born in: Kharkiv, Ukraine.

Institute of International Relations Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv, established in 1834.

Motto of the University: “Utilitas honor et gloria” (Utility honor, and glory).

Foreign languages: English, Spanish, Russian.

Macdonald-Laurier Program.

John & Myroslava Yaremko Scholarship Recipient.

Intern to Matthew Dubé (Chambly-Borduas, Quebec). At the time of his election to the House of Commons, Matthew was a McGill University student completing his Bachelor of Arts degree majoring in political science with a minor in history. Passionate about politics, Matthew was the president of the Young New Democrats of Québec as well as co-president of the NDP McGill campus club before being elected. For several years, Matthew has worked in the community. For a

large part of his teenage years, he did volunteer work as an assistant coach for local hockey and soccer teams.

Last book read: The Life of Benjamin Franklin, autobiography, by Benjamin Franklin.

Favorite quote by foreign author: "...because there is no effort without error and shortcoming; but who does actually strive to do the deeds; who knows great enthusiasms, the great devotions; who spends himself in a worthy cause; who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement, and who at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who neither know victory nor defeat." – Theodore Roosevelt.

Favorite quote by Ukrainian author: "Я жива, і буду вічно жити, бо в серці маю те, що не вмирає." – Леся Українка.

Favorite musical recording: "Я не здамся без бою" – С. Вокарчук.

Favorite book: The Bible.

Outstanding landmark or architecture in Ukraine: SOFIYIVSKIY PARK. It is one of the world famous garden-park art creations. There are many scenic areas including waterfalls, fountains, ponds and a stone garden. It is one of the most famous examples of late 17th or early 18th century European landscape garden design that has been preserved to the present time.



Daria PANKRATOVA

Born in: Kyiv, Ukraine.

Hometown: Kyiv.

National University of "Kyiv-Mohyla Academy" was established in 1615. Faculty of Social Sciences and Social Technologies, Department of Sociology.

Motto of University: "Tempus fugit, Academia sempiterna." – "Час плине, Києво-Могилянська Академія вічна". – "Time passes, Kyiv Mohyla Academy remains eternal".

2014 Dr. Yuri & Dr. Oksana Fedyna Scholarship recipient.

Intern to Stella Ambler, MP for Mississauga South, Ontario, CPC, La Promenade. Mrs. Stella Ambler has been representing the electoral district of Mississauga South as a member of the Conservative party since May 2, 2011. Prior to her election, Stella served as the Director of Regional Affairs for Finance Minister Jim Flaherty in the Greater Toronto Area. Before starting her political career, Stella worked as an advisor at Queen's Park. She was a stay-at-home mother for nine years, maintaining her community and political involvement on a volunteer, part-time basis. Locally, Stella was a member of the Mississauga Board of Trade's Green Committee and is a member of the Catholic Women's League of her parish, St. Mary Star of the Sea, in Port Credit. Being a Member of Parliament is a way for Stella to put her passion for public service to work building a better quality of life for the people of Mississauga South. She serves as a member of the Scrutiny of Regulations Committee and the Status of Women Committee, and she is Chair of the Special Parliamentary Committee on Violence Against Aboriginal Women which is addressing the tragic issue of missing and murdered aboriginal women in Canada. She is honored to be the Conservative Member of Parliament in Mississauga South delivering for our community and Canada on Parliament Hill. Currently Mrs. Ambler expresses her leadership in proposing private Members' motion to ban the use of proxy, telephone and fax marriages as a means to spousal sponsorship, disallow such kinds of marriages for the purpose of immigration.

My favorite Canadian landscape is Pink Lake. The unique beauty of Pink Lake can be discovered in Gatineau Park, Quebec, Canada. The lake is named after the Pink Family, who were Irish immigrants of the early 1800's. Pink Lake is thought to be a meromictic lake which is one that lacks complete circulation. The lake is approximately 162m above sea level. It has a maximum depth of 20m, which is very deep for its small size of 9 hectares. A small stream flows into Pink Lake from the north, and the lake drains east to the Gatineau River. Pink Lake was once part of the Champlain sea, being isolated from it about 11,000 years ago. Since this time the lake has undergone a gradual process of freshening as fresh water enters the lake. Pink Lake is a great place to enjoy the beauty of Canadian scenery.

Foreign languages: English, Russian, Turkish, French.

Last book read: "The Elephant in the Room: Si-

lence and Denial in Everyday Life” by Eviatar Zerubavel.

Favourite quote by Ukrainian author: "У щастя людського два рівних є крила: Троянди й виноград, красиве і корисне" – Максим Рильський. Human fortune has two equal wings: Roses and grapes, beautiful and useful – Maksym Rylskiy.

Favourite quote by foreign author: "What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us". – Oliver Wendell Holmes.

Favourite musical recording: Млада – Весно моя.



Olesya POGORELOVA

Born in Odesa, Ukraine.

Hometown: Toronto, Ontario.

University of Toronto was established in 1827. Faculty of Economics, and Department of Political Science.

Motto of University of Toronto: Tantum Nobis Creditum – As a tree through the ages.

Foreign languages: Ukrainian, French.

Ukrainian National Youth Federation Former secretary.

Macdonald Laurier Program Intern.

Malanchuk Family Scholarship recipient recipient. Intern to **Ryan Cleary, MP for St. John's South-Mount Pearl.** Mr. Ryan Cleary was elected to the House of Commons in the 2011 election for the New Democratic Party. Cleary graduated from the journalism program at the Stephenville campus of the College of the North Atlantic in 1989 and in the 2008 federal election was a candidate in the riding for St. John's South-Mount Pearl. He placed second however due to certain comments he had written about Jack Layton and the NDP party before he was a journalist and the editor-in-chief of *The Independent* newspaper where he was known for his outspoken and controversial articles.

Outstanding landmark or architecture in Ukraine:

Hoverla Mountain is the highest mountain in Ukraine and is part of the Carpathian Mountains. It is located in the Eastern Beskides, in the Chornohora region. The mountain is a great tourist attraction and since the 20th century has been gaining popularity as an extreme sports site. As someone who has climbed the mountain I can honestly say it's one of the most beautiful places in Ukraine.

Last Ukrainian author read: Останній Постріл – Роман Колісник.

Last book read: "Cold Hard Truth" – Kevin O'Leary.

Favourite quote by Ukrainian author: Не завидуй багатому, Багатий не знає. Ні приятні, ні любові – Він все те наймає. (Do not be jealous of the rich one, the rich one does not know. No goodness, no love – He only hires this.) – Taras Shevchenko.

Favourite quote by foreign author: "The simple things are also the most extraordinary things, and only the wise can see them." – Paulo Coelho.

My favourite musical recording: "Червона Рута" – Софія Ротару.



Maksym POPOVYCH

Born in: Novyy Rozdil, Ukraine.

Hometown: Kyiv.

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

Michael Luchkovich Scholarship recipient.

About my MP: James Bezan has been the Member of Parliament for Selkirk-Interlake for ten years. 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. MP Bezan currently serves as the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of National Defence. MP Bezan has been an outspoken opponent of the Russian aggression against Ukraine and invasion of Crimea, and was sanctioned by Russia. James has called this sanction a badge of honour, and has stated that it will not silence his criticisms of the illegal military invasion of Ukraine and occupation of Crimea by Russia. Like-

wise, it has been an honour for me to receive an insight into the work of MP Bezan's office. I was privileged to work on many tasks that help Ukraine receive international support and enhance the advocacy for Ukraine in Canada and beyond.

Leiden University was founded in 1575 by William, Prince of Orange. Leiden Law School, Advanced LLM in European and International Business Law.

Motto of University: *Praesidium Libertatis* - Bastion of Freedom.

National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy was founded in 1615. Faculty of Law, LLB.

Motto of University: *Tempus fugit, Academia sempiterna* – Time passes, the Academy is eternal – Час плинний, Києво-Могилянська академія – вічна.

Foreign languages: English, French, Russian, Dutch.

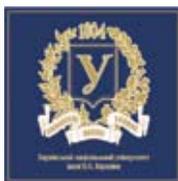
Last book read: Les Misérables by Victor Hugo.

Favourite music recording: Caruso by Lucio Dalla.

Favourite quote by Ukrainian author: Немає нічого страшнішого за необмежену владу в руках обмеженої людини – Василь Симоненко. There is nothing more dangerous than unlimited power in the hands of a trivial mind. – Vasyl Symonenko.

Favourite quote by foreign author: Strive not to be a success, but rather to be of value. – Albert Einstein.

My favorite Canadian landscape: Fairmont Le Château Frontenac in Québec City. It is one of the most photographed hotels in the world. Located in the middle of the Old City, it resembles an elegant castle. The Old City has its special European charm and Le Château compliments this charm in an excellent way.



Denys SAMOILENKO

Born in: Kharkiv, Ukraine.

Hometown: Kharkiv, Ukraine.

National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy was established in 1632. Faculty of Social Sciences and Social Technologies.

Vasyl Karazin National University of Kharkiv was established in 1804. Faculty of Modern and Contem-

porary History.

2014 **Josef & Maria Siecinsky** Scholarship recipient. Intern to **Bev Shipley, MP for Lambton–Kent–Middlesex, Ontario, Conservative Party.**

Bev Shipley has participated in CUPP program for past three years. Mr. Bev Shipley's riding is one of the most agricultural in the South West of Ontario Province. Bev Shipley has worked and lived in the Lambton-Kent-Middlesex constituency all his life. As all his neighbors and his family members he was eager to be a farmer and work hard on his family farm. Right after graduating from the Agriculture Technology College, he took over the family farm. Gaining a lot of experience and practice in agricultural, economical and managerial issues of his community, his career turned to political and social fields. Bev Shipley served as the director of the Western Farm Association and of the Middlesex County Agriculture Hall of Fame. Then he also served as the Vice-Chair, and the former Chair of the Lake Huron Primary Water System. He ran in a local election and was elected to be mayor at Middlesex Centre for seven years. After succeeding in the local election, he ran in the 2004 election for the Conservatives in Lambton–Kent–Middlesex to be elected to the House of Commons, but lost to Rose-Marie Ur from the Liberal Party. In 2006, Bev Shipley ran a second time and won the seat handily. He has held the seat ever since, successfully holding his constituency for the Conservative Party for more than 8 years. He is a member of the House of Commons Legislative Committees on International Trade and on Public Accounts. Bev Shipley is also Chair of the Conservative SW Ontario Caucus and Chair of Agriculture and Agri-food Committee. He has contributed a lot to improve both international and internal conditions for Canadian agriculture business. He proposed the motion to equalize the regulations around pesticide management between Canada and the United States. The principles of the motion have recently being brought forward in Bill C-18, Agricultural Growth Act.

My favourite Canadian landscape is Saint Joseph's Oratory in Montreal. The Oratory was built by André Bessette who has a repute of person healing miracles. Witnesses said that André Bessette was healing lots of people. As an evidence of it there is a room in the Oratory filled with abandoned crutches. After getting a repute of saint place the Oratory attracts more and more pilgrims from around the world. It is known fact that even Pope John Paul II deemed the miracles authentic and beautified André Bessette. And for me, on my own experience, it is the most grandiose place I have ever seen in my life.

Favourite quote by Ukrainian author: “Preserving honor and dignity for me remains the chief value, more than any job” – Petro Poroshenko.

Favourite quote by foreign author: “We shall never build the nation which our potential resources make possible by dividing ourselves into Anglophones, Francophones, multiculturalphones, or whatever kind of phoneys you choose. I say: Canadians, first, last, and always” – John Diefenbaker. / “I am not bound to win, but I am bound to be true. I am not bound to succeed, but I am bound to live by the light that I have. I must stand with anybody that stands right, and stand with him while he is right, and part with him when he goes wrong” – Abraham Lincoln.

Favourite musical recording: Queen – “Show Must Go On”.



Artem SHAIPOV

Born in Artemivs'k, Ukraine.

Hometown: Artemivs'k, Ukraine.

Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv was established in 1834. Faculty of Law.

University of Cambridge was established in 1209. Faculty of Law.

2014 **John Sopinka Scholarship** Recipient.

Intern to **Mark Adler, MP for York Centre, Toronto, Ontario, Conservative Party**. Mark participated in the CUPP for the first time. Mark was elected as the Member of Parliament for York Centre on May 2, 2011. He is the first child of a Holocaust survivor to ever be elected as an MP. He is a member of the House of Commons Finance Committee and Government Operations Committee and actively represents York Centre residents in the community and in Ottawa. By sitting on the Finance Committee Mark is able to directly affect government spending through taxation and budgetary legislation, and thus help to improve the economies of both the riding and Canada as a whole. As a Government Operations Committee member, Mark is concerned primarily with reviewing the implementa-

tion of policy, government finances and budgetary issues. Through Government Operations, Mark works closely with the Department of Public Works and Government Services to ensure that the use of government funds is transparent, efficient and responsible. Motivating him to best represent York Centre in Parliament are the strong personal ties that Mark has with the area. He was born and raised in the York Centre community and attended Anthony Road Public School, Dufferin Heights Junior High and William Lyon Mackenzie Collegiate Institute. Mark attended the University of Toronto and the Graduate School of Public Administration at Carleton University, worked as a trade representative for Ontario's Ministry of Industry, Trade and Technology in Boston, Massachusetts and then as Director of Corporate Programs with the Canadian Institute of International Affairs, where he led delegations of influential Canadian businessmen to various countries to meet with world leaders and decision makers.

My favourite Canadian Landscape is The Thousand Islands. The Thousand Islands constitute an archipelago of 1,864 islands that straddles the Canada-U.S. border in the Saint Lawrence River as it emerges from the northeast corner of Lake Ontario. They stretch for about 50 miles (80 km) downstream from Kingston, Ontario. The Canadian islands are in the province of Ontario, the U.S. islands in the state of New York. The 1,864 islands range in size from over 40 square miles (100 km²) to smaller islands occupied by a single residence, or uninhabited outcroppings of rocks that are only home to migratory waterfowl. To count as one of the Thousand Islands these minimum criteria had to be met: 1) Above water level year round; 2) Have an area greater than 1 square foot (0.093 m²); and 3) Support at least one living tree. The Thousand Islands is a corridor for nature lovers, and both Ontario and New York have government-regulated parks along the waterfront. The waterfront is served by New York State Route 37 and by the Thousand Islands Parkway in Ontario. Ontario also has the Waterfront Trail alongside the Parkway for cyclists who wish to see the area in an alternative way.

Favourite quote by Ukrainian author: “Judge by the heart and not by the face” – Hryhoriy Skovoroda.

Favourite quote by foreign author: “The illiterate of the 21st century will not be those who cannot read and write, but those who cannot learn, unlearn, and relearn” – Alvin Toffle.

Favourite musical recording: “Hej Sokoly” – famous Polish-Ukrainian folk song.



Vasylysa SHEININA

Born in: Kharkiv, Ukraine.

Hometown: Ramat Gan, Israel.

Vasyl Karazin Kharkiv National University was established in 1804. Faculty of Philology.

2014 **Mazurenko Family** Scholarship recipient.

Intern to **Larry N. Maguire, MP for Brandon-Souris, Manitoba, Conservative Party**. This is the first time Larry participates in CUPP. His riding is located in Western Manitoba, which is home for many Ukrainians – about 12% of population of Larry's riding are ethnical Ukrainians or recent immigrants from Ukraine. Larry is a member of Canada's Outstanding Young Farmers alumni having represented Mid Canada in 1986. Throughout his life, Larry has been a member of many organizations, holding a position of the President of the Western Canadian Wheat Growers from 1995-1999, was twice elected to the Canadian Wheat Board Advisory Committee (1987-94), served two terms on Winnipeg Commodity Exchange as Manitoba's Public Governor, was Executive Member of the Canada Grains Council and a Member of the Keystibe Agrucyktyre ridycers, while actively helping with many other associations. Following the resignation of the former MP for Brandon-Souris, in a by-election on November 25, 2013 the voters of Brandon-Souris chose Larry as their new Member of Parliament. Larry was born in Souris, Manitoba. Raised by Merle and Fern Maguire, they taught Larry the value of community and the importance of hard work and giving back. Larry went to high school in Elgin and Hartney before attending the University of Manitoba where he graduated with a degree in Agriculture. He farmed at Elgin until 2002 before moving to Virden. Larry has two wonderful children and six grandchildren.

My favourite landscape in Canada is the Banff National Park. It is Canada's oldest national park, established in 1885 in the Rocky Mountains. In 1883, two years before the completion of Canada's first trans-continental railroad, three railroad workers came across a series of hot springs on the lower shoulder of

what is now called Sulphur Mountain. By 1885, after a heated ownership dispute, the springs and surrounding area were set aside as Canada's first national park. The Canadian Pacific Railway immediately recognized the tourism potential of the Canadian Rockies. In 1888, under the direction of William Cornelius Van Horne, they opened the elegant 250-room Banff Springs Hotel. The railway then constructed a series of grand hotels along its main line and began advertising. In the early 20th century, roads were built in Banff, at times by war internees, and through Great Depression-era public works projects. Banff as an international tourism stopover on the steel highway that had suddenly become the fastest and most direct route from Europe to the Far East. The Rockies quickly became popular with the Victorian gentry, who came to drink in the scenery and soak in the soothing hot springs. The park, located 110-180 km west of Calgary in the province of Alberta, encompasses 6,641 square kilometers of mountainous terrain, with numerous glaciers and ice fields, dense coniferous forest, and alpine landscapes. The Icefields Parkway extends from Lake Louise, connecting to Jasper National Park in the north. The main commercial centre of the park is the town of Banff, in the Bow River valley. Now the Banff Park is one of the most visited natural parks in the world and a coveted UNESCO World Heritage Site. Because of the high number of visitors, the health of Banff's ecosystem has been threatened. In the mid-1990s, Parks Canada responded by initiating a two-year study, which resulted in management recommendations, and new policies that aim to preserve ecological integrity.

Favourite quote by Ukrainian author: «О, коли б ми в ганебних справах були такі ж соромливі і боязкі, як це часто ми буваємо боязкі і хибно соромливі у порядних вчинках» – Григорій Сковорода. / “Oh, if we were as shy and timid in disgraceful doings as we often falsely are in decent deeds” – Hryhoriy Skovoroda.

Favourite quote by foreign author: “Never, never, never give up” – Sir William Churchill.

Favourite musical recording: Dido Armstrong – “Thank you”.





Varvara SHMYGALOVA

Born in: Kyiv, Ukraine.

Hometown: Kyiv, Ukraine.

National University of "Kyiv-Mohyla Academy" was established in 1615. Faculty of Social Sciences and Social Technologies.

2014 **Tetiana Mackiw Scholarship** recipient.

Intern to **Hon. Laurie Hawn, MP for Edmonton Centre, Alberta, Conservative Party**. Mr. Hawn is a proud representative of the constituency of Edmonton Centre, Alberta. By the way, the first monument to Holodomor was raised in Edmonton in 1983, so this region has a long history of supporting Ukraine. Mr. Hawn's background is breathtaking, since he used to be a Lieutenant-Colonel of the Royal Canadian Air Force. Before gaining the trust in elections of 2006 Mr. Hawn has also contributed to Canada's financial services sector. Currently Mr. Hawn is serving on the Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development and Committee on Veterans Affairs. I was impressed by Mr. Hawn's energy, proactiveness, and dedication to his work – his schedule doesn't have even 15 minutes gap, he gives all his time to the aim of serving his people. I could describe him as very contemporary, open-minded, and generous person. I know Mr. Hawn as a patient mentor, who always ready to listen to the propositions, projects, and ideas and to help with advice or actions. I was honored by his outstanding attention to the problems of Ukrainian state and I would like to note Mr. Hawn strong stand for Ukrainian nation in its struggle for independence and democracy.

My favourite Canadian sculpture is "Joy" by Bruce Garner, on Sparks Street Mall in Ottawa. It is a copper sculpture: 4 figures, 3 adults and one child, hold hands in a circle. Their entire bodies are thrown back, their heads are up and the child and a female figure each have one leg off the ground, pointing up. Even though copper is the only material used for creating a sculpture it is very agile, uplifting, it has smooth lines. To my mind there is a reason why it nestled in pedestrian street – you need a time to feel, imbued its spirit,

which is impossible if you just pass it by sitting in a car. Once seeing this sculpture you will definitely remember it for the rest of your life due to its vitality, airiness, brightness, gladness. One does not need to read the title of the piece to feel the tone of it at once: Joy. I'm sure that you will enjoy "Joy"!

Favourite quote by Ukrainian author: «Свобода не може бути дозованою» – Ірен Роздобудько.
«Жах не в тому, що щось зміниться, – жах у тому, що все може залишитися так само» – Ліна Костенко.

Favourite quote by foreign author: "If you truly want something, sooner or later you will receive it" – Joanne Harris. "Being powerful is like being a lady. If you have to tell people you are, you aren't" – Margaret Thatcher.

Favourite musical recording: Океан Ельзи – "Така як ти", Zaz – "J'Aime A Nouveau".



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University of Turku



Liliya SHMYHELKA

Born in: Lviv, Ukraine.

Hometown: Mataro, Spain.

University Pompeu Fabra was established in 1990. Faculty of Political and Social Sciences.

University of Turku was established in 1920.

2014 **Emil Telizyn Scholarship** recipient.

Intern to **Harold Albrecht, MP for Kitchener–Conestoga, New Democratic Party**. Harold Albrecht was firstly elected to the House of Commons of Canada in 2006. Before entering the public service, Harold operated successfully as a dentist for 27 years. Then, before starting his political career, he served his community as a founding pastor at Pathway Community Church. Nowadays, after over eight years of political experience, Harold Albrecht demonstrates huge commitment to his constituents. He is an active member of the community and is brave enough to take a stance even on quite controversial issues in order to show the constituents his values. People who know Harold admire his sincerity and kindness and his stuff if very

proud to work for him. What is more, Harold Albrecht perfectly acknowledge the diversity of his country and that is why he is also the Chair of the Canadian-Armenian Parliamentary Friendship Group. I was very lucky to be an intern to Harold Albrecht's office because people who work there made me feel part of the team.

My favourite landmark in Canada is Old Town Lunenburg. It is located in Nova Scotia it has been designated as Canada's National Historic District. It has been established in 1753 due to Colonial Settlement. Nowadays, the town of Lunenburg is one of the best places to live its rising economy based in ship-building, fishing and small scale business. However, the architecture of the town makes Lunenburg even more attractive. Observing the houses and churches one can easily see how creative the new settlers were. It is an excellent example of the British Colony well-preserved up to our days.

Favourite quote by a Ukrainian author: «Якби ви вчилися так, як треба, то й мудрість була би своя» – Тарас Шевченко. / "If you study as well as you should, then you would have your own wisdom" - Taras Shevchenko.

Favourite quote by foreign author: "The weak can never forgive. Forgiveness is the attribute of the strong" – Mahatma Gandhi.

Favourite musical recording: U2 – "Beautiful day".



Christina SHOUP

Born in Toronto, Ontario.

Hometown: Toronto, Ontario.

University of Toronto – English, Political Science, and History.

Languages: English and Ukrainian.

Ukrainian National Youth Federation National Secretary.

Macdonald Laurier Program Intern.

Atamanchuk Family Scholarship recipient.

Intern to **Annick Papillon, MP for Québec**, in the

province of Québec. Ms. Annick Papillon was elected to the House of Commons in the 2011 election for the electoral district of Québec. She works alongside Tom Mulcair in the New Democratic Party caucus. Ms. Papillon has a Bachelor's degree in Communications, Law and History, and also pursued advanced studies in Journalism at the Université Laval. Annick specialized in International Policy and Field Journalism. Annick is the Deputy Critic for Small Business and Tourism, and the Deputy Critic for Consumer Protection. Ms. Papillon works hard to ensure that the best is being done to promote tourism in Canada, that small businesses receive what they require, and that consumers are being fairly treated.

Outstanding Landmark or architecture in Canada:

The Niagara Falls are a series of waterfalls located on the border of Ontario, Canada and New York, U. S.A. There is a Canadian and American side to the Falls, and the Canadian Horseshoe Falls are the tallest at 670m. Canadians can explore the Falls in the summer with a boat tour on the Maid of the Mist that has run since 1846, where the boat comes as close as 52m to the powerful waterfall. Standing behind the sheets of water pouring down into the Niagara River is also possible with Journey Behind the Falls; a series of tunnels that leads to the back of Horseshoe Falls. Every night, light shows are done on the surface of the Falls, making it the perfect sightseeing destination year-round.

Last Ukrainian author read: *Yellow Boots* – Vera Lysenko.

Last foreign author read: *As You Like It* – William Shakespeare.

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

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



2014 Soccer game – CUPP Interns vs. Commons.



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Kyiv School of Economics was established in 1996.

Yurii Fedkovych National University of Chernivtsi was established in 1875. College of Economics Science, Department of economic and mathematical modeling.

2014 **Daria Telizyn** Scholarship recipient.

Intern to **Mark Warawa, MP for Langley, British Columbia, Conservative Party**. Mark was re-elected in 2011 to the 41st Canadian Parliament for his fourth term as the Member of Parliament for Langley with the highest number of Federal votes in BC. Mark has the honourable distinction of being the Parliamentary Secretary to four different Ministers of the Environment, from 2006 to 2011, helping guide Canada through five difficult years of minority Government. In 2011, Mark was appointed to the position of Chair of the Standing Committee of Environment and Sustainable Development for Canada, overseeing Canada's Environmental Committee work, studies and legislative reviews. He continues to be consulted on environmental issues. In 2013, Mark was appointed to serve on the Standing Committee on Industry, Science and Technology. He is also very busy with important bilateral relationships. He is Vice-Chair of the Canada-Philippines Parliamentary Group, the Treasurer of the Canada-Ukraine and Canada-Taiwan Parliamentary Groups, Director for the Canada-Korea and Canada-Israel Parliamentary Groups, and a Member of the Canada-Europe, Canada-Mexico, and Canada-Hong Kong Parliamentary Groups. Mark was with Canadian Prime Minister Harper on an official State visit to Ukraine in 2010. Mark is a long time Langley, BC resident where he and his beautiful wife Diane raised their 5 children. They now have 10 grandchildren.

My favourite Canadian Landscape is Old Port of Montréal. The city's port operations were crucial to the fascinating saga of Montréal's development – a

fact acknowledged by the current Old Port area's inclusion in the historic district of Old Montréal. Because the Lachine Rapids blocked further upstream navigation on the St. Lawrence River, the city was born and flourished at this natural shipping breakpoint. From that point on—literally—the port itself, the Lachine Canal (which opened in 1825 and allowed ships to bypass the rapids) and rail transportation made Montréal a bustling hub of commerce and trade between the North American continent and the rest of the world, and the pivotal point in an integrated transportation network moving both people and cargo and linking the Great Lakes, the interior of an entire, vast continent, and the coasts of two oceans (Atlantic and Pacific). For this role as a hub, Montréal merits the title "crucible of modern Canada." With extensive redevelopment completed in 1992, Montréal's Old Port has grown into animated parkland linking the city and the river, site of myriad artistic, heritage, recreational, nautical and sports activities. Although the area's history as a port dates back to the very founding of the city, the most tangible physical traces of that history reflect the 19th century and, especially, Montréal's emergence as a metropolis in the first half of the 20th century. Today, the Old Port is a place for skating (not just in winter), biking, hanging out, going on a cruise, watching frothy waters flow, or just going with the flow—a place to slow down and appreciate life in. The area hosts a variety of special events in all seasons, attracting several million visitors annually. The majority of the city's actual port operations were shifted to facilities further downstream in 1976; the Port of Montréal remains a major facility handling containerized cargo traffic on the east coast of North America.

Favourite quote by Ukrainian author: «Світло відкриває нам те, про що ми у темряві лише здогадувалися» – Григорій Сковорода. / "The light reveals us to what we were trying to guess in the dark" – Hryhoriy Skovoroda.

Favourite quote by foreign author: "He who has overcome his fears will truly be free" – Aristotle. "They who can give up essential liberty to obtain a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety" – Benjamin Franklin.

My favourite musical recording: Mumford & Sons – "The Cave".





Pavlo SOROKIN

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Hometown: Kyiv, Ukraine.

Ukrainian State University of Finance and International Trade was established in 2007. Faculty of International Economics and Management.

2014 **John & Myroslava Yaremko** recipient.

Intern to the **Honourable Jason Kenney, MP for Calgary Southeast, Alberta, Conservative Party**. Jason Kenney is Canada's Minister of Employment and Social Development and Minister for Multiculturalism. The future Minister was born in Oakville (ON) in 1968 and raised in Wilcox (SK). There he went to a high school at the Athol Murray College of Notre Dame. After that he studied philosophy at the University of San Francisco. Kenney got his first political experience by working for Saskatchewan Liberal Party. Then he served as assistant to leader of the Party. In 1990 he became a president and chief executive officer of the Canadian Taxpayers Federation. In 1997 Jason Kenney was first elected as a member of Reform Party of Canada. Kenney supported the 2003 invasion of Iraq. In 2006, he was appointed to be Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister of Canada Stephen Harper. He was sworn in as the Secretary of State for Multiculturalism and Canadian Identity and as a Privy Councillor in 2007. Kenney has held the post of Minister for Citizenship, Immigration and Multiculturalism since 2008. In this capacity, Kenney has been the Harper government's representative to ethnic communities in Canada. Kenney makes frequent appearances at ethnic community events across the country, hosted by groups as diverse as Koreans, Ahmadiyya Muslims, Chinese, Jews, Assyrians, South Asians, and Poles. Kenney was widely recognized for his central role in the Conservative Party's successful 2011 election campaign, targeting ethnic minority voters, and the Conservative parliamentary majority that resulted. Kenney has been named one of Canada's "100 Leaders of the Future" by Maclean's magazine; "One of Canada's leading conservative activists" by the Globe

and Mail; and "One of 21 Canadians to watch in the 21st century" by the Financial Post magazine. Maclean's magazine named Kenney the "Hardest working" MP of 2011, citing overwhelming support from all political parties who recognized Kenney's constant "20-hour work days" and "Permanent 5 o'clock shadow."

My favourite Canadian landscape is Pink Lake in Gatineau Park. Pink Lake is Gatineau Park's most unique lake because it is "meromictic." Of rare beauty, the site offers the opportunity to relax while learning about its ecology. Despite its name, the lake is green. It is named after the Pink family which settled the land in 1826. The lake is meromictic, meaning that, unlike a normal lake, its upper and lower water levels never mix. Normally a lake's water mixes completely each year during the spring and fall and because of water density, water and air temperature, and the wind. The mixing of lake waters distributes nutrients and oxygen evenly throughout the lake. Pink Lake's waters do not mix because it has a small surface and bowl-like shape and is surrounded by steep cliffs that protect it from the wind. This is why it is called "meromictic."

Favorite quote by Ukrainian author: «Світ ловив мене, та не спіймав» – Григорій Сковорода. / "The world was catching me, but it didn't" – Hryhorii Skovoroda.

Favorite quote by foreign author: "Our doubts are traitors, and make us lose the good we oft might win, by fearing to attempt" – William Shakespeare.

Favorite musical recording: Gary Jules – "Mad World".



Maksym SYNITSYA

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Hometown: Kyiv, Ukraine.

National University of "Kyiv-Mohyla Academy" was established in 1615. Faculty of Economics. **National Academy of Public Administration,**

Office of the President of Ukraine. Higher School of Public Administration.

2014 **Senator John Ewasew** Scholarship recipient. Intern to **Ted Opitz, MP for Etobicoke Centre, Ontario, Conservative Party.** Ted Opitz was born in Toronto in a family of Polish immigrants. Ted's mother was born in Drohobych, Lviv oblast, Ukraine. Ted is a very interesting person with a big amount of energy and wiliness to changes. During the Euromaydan and annexation of Crimea and ATO he has been always supporting Ukraine in and out of Canada. He gets the respect from all the Ukrainian community in Toronto for his promotion of Ukrainian interests in the House of Commons. Ted is one of 14 Canadian officials that were banned to entry Russia because of his strong anti-Putin position in Ukrainian crisis. Ted has a big military career for about 33 years. He rose to the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel. During his military service, Ted also had parallel careers in the telecom industry as well as completing a Bachelor Degree in English at York University. Starting as a technician, Ted worked his way up to sales and marketing and managerial roles in product management and high speed internet development. For the past several years, Ted was the Senior Regional Advisor to the Honourable Jason Kenney, Minister of Citizenship, Immigration and Multiculturalism. In that role, he represented the Government of Canada and the Minister in the Greater Toronto Area and Southern Ontario. Since March 2013, Ted became a Chair of Canadian-Ukraine Parliamentary Friendship Group that coordinates all MPs that are interested in a good communications between Canada and Ukraine.

My favourite Canadian landscape is Capilano Suspension Bridge. It is a suspension bridge crossing the Capilano River in the District of North Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. The current bridge is 140 metres long and 70 metres above the river. It is part of a private facility, with an admission fee, and draws over 800,000 visitors a year. The bridge was originally built in 1889 by George Grant Mackay, a Scottish civil engineer and park commissioner for Vancouver. It was originally made of hemp ropes with a deck of cedar planks, and was replaced with a wire cable bridge in 1903. The bridge was completely rebuilt in 1956. Cedar planks connected by ropes of hemp – it was all that represented the suspension bridge at the time. And after 8 years the ropes were replaced with steel cables. The park was sold to Nancy Stibbard, the current owner, in 1983. Annual attendance has since increased, and in May 2004, Treetops Adventures was opened. This new attraction consists of seven foot-

bridges suspended between old-growth Douglas Fir trees on the west side of the canyon, forming a walkway up to 30 meters above the forest floor. As well as the bridge and Treetops Adventure, the first venue of its kind in North America, the park also features rain forest ecotours, award-winning gardens, nature trails, North America's largest private collection of First Nations totem poles, period decor and costumes, and exhibits highlighting the park's history and the surrounding temperate rain forest.

Favourite quote by Ukrainian author: «Учітесь, читайте, і чужому навчайтесь, й свого не цурайтесь» – Тарас Шевченко. / "Learn, read and learn from others, but do not deny your own wisdom" – Taras Shevchenko.

Favourite quote by foreign author: "To strive, to seek, to find and not to yield" – Alfred Lord Tennyson.

My favourite musical recording: Trust Company – "Stronger", Linkin Park – "What I've Done", George Michael – "Last Christmas".



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Anna URUKOVA

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Xiamen University, China, was established in 1921. Wang Yanan Institute for Studies in Economics.

University of Antwerp, Belgium was established in 2003. Department of Applied Economics.

University of Bari "Aldo Moro" was established in 1925. Department of Economic Science and Mathematical Methods.

National Technical University of Ukraine "Kyiv Polytechnic Institute" was established in 1898.

Faculty of Management and Marketing.

University of Graz, Austria was established in 1585. Faculty of Business.

2014 Atamanchuk family scholarship recipient.

Intern to **Ève Pécelet, MP** for La Pointe-de-l'Île, Quebec, New Democratic Party. Ève Pécelet (born December 3, 1988) is a member of the New Democratic Party of Canada. She was elected to the House of Commons on May 2, 2011 at the age of 22 while doing her Bachelor in Law at the University of Montreal (graduated in May 2012). While attending the university she also participated in the University of Montreal debate team which let her polish knowledge and skills in the areas of international labour, environmental and human-rights law. She is the only child in her family which lives in neighboring Montreal's Outremont riding (while Ms. Pécelet herself resides in the neighborhood of Pointe-aux-Trembles). Upon arrival in Ottawa she was appointed to sit on the Standing Committee on International Trade as well as the Subcommittee on Human Rights. From March 2012 to August 2013 she held a position of Official Opposition's Deputy Critic for Foreign Affairs. Since August 2013 she was entrusted with the role of Deputy Critic for Justice. In March 2014 Ève Pécelet tabled Bill C-584 in the House of Commons on Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) of Canadian extraction companies operating in developing countries. Additionally, she proposed to create an ombudsman to monitor Canadian companies' natural-resource extraction activities abroad to ensure that human, environmental and workers' rights are respected.

My favourite Canadian landscape is Montreal Biosphere. While serving as a reminder of the 1967 World Fair Expo (the US pavilion), the Biosphere was subsequently turned into an environmental museum which is located at Parc Jean-Drapeau in Montreal, Quebec. The geodesic dome was a creation of the architect Buckminster Fuller's imagination. The complex structure of steel and acrylic cells reached 76 metres in diameter and 62 metres in height as well as included advanced system of shades to control its internal temperature. Interior exhibition space was initially designed by architects from Golden Metak Productions. The fire during structural renovations in 1976 destroyed transparent acrylic bubble, but the hard steel truss structure survived. As a result the site was closed until 1990 when Environment Canada purchased it to turn into a water museum and subsequently into an environmental museum (since 2007). It offers interactive activities and presents exhibitions about the major environmental issues related to water, climate change, air, ecotechnologies and sustainable development.

Favourite quote by Ukrainian author: "Найвища

краса – це краса вірності. Люди, які накидаються на все, які розмінюють свої почуття направо і наліво, кінець кінцем мусять відчувати себе злидарями" – Олесь Гончар. / "The greatest beauty is the beauty of faith. People, who raven on everything, who fritter away their energy, must feel in the end as paupers" – Oles Honchar.

Favourite quotes by foreign author: "Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world"; "I learned that courage was not the absence of fear, but the triumph over it. The brave man is not he who does not feel afraid, but he who conquers that fear" – Nelson Mandela.

Favourite musical recording: Бумбокс – «Вона носила квіти в волоссі»; Океан Ельзи – «Не питай»; Скрябін – «Люди як кораблі», Junkie XL "Divergent" soundtracks; Ed Sheeran – "I see fire".



Anastassia VITKOVITSKY
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Hometown: Toronto, Canada.

Languages: Ukrainian, English, Russian.

York University, Faculty of Liberal Arts and Professional Studies – Professional Writing.

Intern to Alexandrine Latendresse, MP for Louis-Saint-Laurent, Quebec.

Humeniuk Family Scholarship recipient

Macdonald Laurier Program Intern

Last Ukrainian author read: Nikolai Gogol's "Taras Bulba".

Last foreign author read: Truman Capote's – "In Cold Blood".

Favourite Quote: "The days pass, the nights pass, / As does summer. Yellowed leaves / Rustle, eyes grow dim, / Thoughts fall asleep, the heart sleeps, / All has gone to rest, and I don't know / Whether I'm alive or will live, / Or whether I'm rushing like this through the world, / For I'm no longer weeping or laughing..." – Taras Shevchenko.

Favourite Song: Океан Ельзи – Стріляй.

Outstanding Landmark or Architecture: The city of Lviv – with its abundant contents of remarkable architecture – is in itself an outstanding landmark in Ukraine. It entails both Ukrainian and Italian sculptural and architectural styles of design. In fact, the Ivan Franko Park – the oldest park of Ukraine – was laid out in Lviv by Italians who also refined much of the city after the Great Fire in 1527. Lviv's city streets are an ancient maze of mosaic; brick tiles pave winding walkways piece by piece. Stone gargoyles, kings, warriors, damsels and lions ornament every corner throughout the city, emanating an air of ancient Rome. Amongst the city's modern nightlife venues, cultural sites of libraries, theaters, cathedrals and magnificent fountains stand at large. At night, grave shadows crawl up their profiles from the showcasing lights beaming up at them. Lviv's built-in beauty gives the city the individuality and prestige to portray the soul and history of Ukraine on a global scale. Its air laced with the alluring clash of both modern and antique, Lviv hypnotises and mystifies both tourists and its residents.

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tions, which some assess as working and others assess as a mild rebuke. Sanctions are not a response to Putin's boots on the ground.

The west, till now, has no taste for a war with Russia and to date has not assisted Ukraine with arms to defend itself against the Russian invasion and undeclared but fully operational war.

On October 20, 2014 the National Endowment for Democracy spokesman Carl Gershman said, that American support for Ukrainian democracy means providing military support for Ukraine.

When asked by the RIA Novosti journalist whether the National Endowment for Democracy had an agenda of subverting the Russian government, Gershman replied, "you call it subversion, I call it democracy."

Conclusion

What's the common thread? Exchanges, studies at western universities and internships in western parliaments have produced a growing cadre of young people who want to live in a normal country, wars and all, like Germany, United Kingdom the USA and Canada.

This next generation does not share visions of empires, religious or political from sea to sea. They prefer to live in harmony.

There are two forces today, which are converging and aiming at overthrowing the normal pace of life in the EU and North America. The ISIS dream of caliphates and the Putin dream of a Russian World (Mir) are dangerous to world peace. What will stop this return to primitive and uncivilized societies? Military response from above (bombings) and economic warfare from below (sanctions) will not work. Troops on the ground will.



Arsen YEVCHUK

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Hometown: Odesa, Ukraine.

National University "Odesa Law Academy" was established in 1847. Institute of Prosecution and Investigation, Department of Law.

2014 **Edward Schreyer** Scholarship recipient.

Intern to **Honourable Bal Gosal, MP for Bramalea-Gore-Malton, Ontario, Conservative Party.**

Honourable Bal Gosal was elected to the House of Commons in 2011 as a member of Conservative party and appointed as a Minister of State (Sport) in May 2011. Bal has made significant contributions to the community in Brampton both as a soccer dad and through his community involvement. He organized and coached a soccer league for children in the Brampton area. Mr. Gosal has a Bachelor of Science degree and a Stationary Engineer 4th class Certificate. Bal moved to Canada in 1981 initially residing in British Columbia. In 1983 Bal and his wife Pawanjit moved to Brampton where they have raised their three children Jasmin, Sanjot, and Priya.

My favourite Canadian Landscape is The Thousand Islands. Trails for the bikes in Gatineau Park. The park is situated in Quebec, not far from Ottawa. It was created in 1938. Alongside with beaches, campgrounds, picnic areas, and parkways, Gatineau Park offers 165 km of hiking trails and 90 km of trails for mountain bikes. Besides, in winter the park is a popular destination for cross-country skiing. There are around 200 km of cross-country trails. Several lakes are located within the park. Among them is Pink Lake. Although it is called Pink, its color is green. You might wonder why it is not then called Green Lake. The answer is simple: the lake is called after the Pink family who originally owned the property in that area.

Favourite quote by Ukrainian author: «Книги – морська глибина: / Хто в них пірне аж до дна, / Той, хоч і труду мав досить, / Дивнії перли виносить» – Іван Франко.

Favourite quote by foreign author: "Whenever you

find yourself on the side of the majority, it is time to pause and reflect” – Mark Twain.

My favourite musical recording: Brainstorm – “A day before tomorrow”.



Petro ZALIZNIAK

Born in: Lviv, Ukraine.

Hometown: Lviv, Ukraine.

Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv was established in 1827, Faculty of Law.

International University College of Turin was established in 2006, LL.M and MSc in Comparative Law, Economics and Finance Programs.

Harvard University, Harvard School of Law was established in 1636.

2014 **Walter Surma Tarnopolsky** Scholarship recipient.

Intern to the **Honourable Arnold Wayne Easter, PC, MP for Malpeque, Prince Edward Island, Liberal Party**. Mr. Easter has participated in the CUPP Program for two years. His constituency has been represented in the Canadian House of Commons since 1968. Its population in 2011 was 35,039. Mr. Easter graduated from the Nova Scotia Agricultural College. He also received an Honourary Doctorate of Law degree from the University of Prince Edward Island. He was dedicated to development of agriculture in Canada throughout his entire life; he operates a dairy, beef and grain farm near North Wiltshire. He is also a former president of the National Farmers Union. Mr. Easter is a member of the Liberal Party of Canada; he has been representing his electoral district of Malpeque in the province of Prince Edward Island since 1993. He served in Prime Minister Jean Chrétien's Cabinet as Solicitor General of Canada from 2002-2003. He also served as Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans from 1997-1999, and to the Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food, with a special emphasis on rural development from 2004-2006. From

2006-2014, Mr. Easter has served several critical roles. He was the critic for Agriculture and Agri-Food and the Canadian Wheat Board from 200-2011, International Trade from 2011-2013, and he correctly serves as the Liberal Party critic for Public Safety. In present-day Mr. Easter holds the position of Vice Chair for the Canada-US Inter-Parliamentary Association.

My favourite Canadian Landscape is The Thousand Islands. The Thousand Islands is a name of archipelago comprising 1,864 islands located along Canada-US frontier in the Saint Lawrence River. The Canadian islands belong to the province of Ontario with the nearest biggest city Kingston, whereas US islands form a part of the state of New York. The islands considerably vary in size, for instance, the smallest hosts one-house residence with almost no place for any additional buildings. There are formal requirements for the islands to be legally recognized as one of the Thousand Islands, those are: 1) to have above water level year round; 2) to have an area greater than one square foot; and 3) to support at least one living tree. Around twenty of the islands form the Thousand Islands National Park, the oldest of Canada's national parks east of the Rockies. The park hosts campgrounds, inland walking trails, annual family events, as well as a national heritage building. The Thousand Islands-Frontenac Arch region was designated a World Biosphere Reserve by UNESCO in 2002. The US islands include numerous New York state parks, including Wellesley Island State Park, and Robert Moses State Park – Thousand Islands located on an island in the St. Lawrence. From touristic stand point the Thousand Islands present a unique landscape featuring a harmony of waters, lands and skies to be discovered by travellers.

Favourite quote by Ukrainian author: «Нам пора для України жить» – Іван Франко. / “It is high time for us to live for Ukraine” – Ivan Franko.

Favourite quote by foreign author: “If you hear a voice within you say, ‘You cannot paint’, then by all means paint and that voice will be silenced” – Vincent van Gogh.

My favourite musical recording: Natalia Buchynska – “My Ukraine”.





Viktoriia ZALOZNA

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Hometown: Kyiv

Maastricht University, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, established in 1976.

Master in European Studies.

Kyiv-Mohyla University (National University of "Kyiv-Mohyla Academy"), Faculty of Social Sciences, established in 1615. Bachelor in Political Science.

2014 Sen. Denise BATTERS Scholarship recipient. Intern to **Robert GOGUEN, MP** for **Moncton-Riverview-Dieppe**, New Brunswick, CPC, La Promenade Building. Prior to political career and elections, Robert Goguen had a major experience of over 25 years working in the areas of corporate and commercial law, bankruptcy and insolvency law, civil litigation and personal injury law. After being elected to the Parliament in 2011, he joined the Justice and Human Rights Committee and was appointed the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada. Over the years, Robert demonstrated a great community activism, being a board member of Moncton Headstart Inc. for ten years, and then the company's President for five years. Robert Goguen puts a great value on family and safety, loves sports and animals. The issues and legislation that Mr. Goguen is working with are very important for the state and communities. It is a great experience to work in Mr. Goguen's office.

One of my favorite Canadian Landscapes is Tadoussac, Quebec. Tadoussac is a small village in the central part of Quebec province situated on St. Lawrence river. The village is one of the oldest French settlement in Canada. It is hidden in the mountain valley and has a very convenient for trade purposes geographical location on the crossroads of St. Lawrence

river and Saguenay river. It is the place where the Saguenay Fjord starts and the view on the valley and the mountains is very picturesque, particularly in autumn. While driving through the scenic landscapes of Canadian forests, you meet the various representatives of local wildlife. One of the main attractions of Tadoussac is the opportunity to go whales-watching there. You can see beluga whales, humpback whales, and minke whales in their natural habitat, which is breathtaking. Canada is known for its natural richness and diversity and while being in such place you can definitely experience this. It is an amazing experience!

Favourite quote by foreign author: Who controls the past controls the future. Who controls the present controls the past. /George Orwell/.

My favourite musical recording: Foals – Late Night.



Denys ZBOROSHENKO

Born in: Kyiv, Ukraine.

Hometown: Kyiv, Ukraine.

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

2014 Ramon Hnatyshyn Scholarship recipient.

Intern to **Gerald Keddy, MP** for **South Shore - St. Margaret's, Nova Scotia, Conservative Party**. Mr. Keddy comfortably sits in his MP seat since 1997, which means that he has been Member of the Parliament for the past 17 years. For now he decided that it is enough of politics for him (although he assured me that he would not mind being appointed as a Senator) and in May 2014 he announced that he is not going to reoffer for the election to Canadian Parliament that will take place in 2015. Anyway, before he decided to offer himself for the election he had a great pile of experience in very different spheres: he used to be a farmer, a driller in offshore oil industry and a Christmas tree producer and exporter. He is a past president of the Christmas Tree Council of Nova Scotia. So before he

was elected as an MP he had a lot of experience in the sphere of managing people. While holding his position in the House of Commons he has held many portfolios including Party Whip and Chair of the House of Commons Fisheries Committee. Currently he holds the position of Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of National Revenue and for the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency. At the same time he is a member of Finance Committee and of numerous Caucuses: Atlantic Caucus, Forestry Caucus, Housing and Construction Caucus, Hunting and Angling Caucus, National Caucus and Rural Caucus. Mr. Keddy is a passionate hunter and fisher, so no wonder that many of his parliamentary activities involve government regulations regarding flora and fauna. Except Justice Building of the Parliament in Ottawa other offices of Mr. Keddy are in his constituency: in Bridgewater and in Barrington, Nova Scotia. Together with his wife and their six children they live in New Ross, Nova Scotia. They have a farm there and that's where he is going to go after his retirement.

My favourite Canadian Landscape is the square around Terry Fox monument at the corner of Wellington St. and Metcalfe St., Ottawa. This place is prominent not only because it shelters the statue of one of the biggest heroes of Canada (who eventually became national symbol of persistence, determination and thoroughness), but also because this is the place where, as Borys Gengalo said, the battle of architectures occurs. If you stand with your face towards Terry Fox, just behind your back you will have an example of late Victorian style – the Central Block of Canadian Parliament. Built in early 1860s of wood and stone, it has totally burned down in 1917 and was rebuilt (although solely of stone) in 10 years in the same British imperialist style. Without switching position, to the left hand you will have a yellow building which is occupied by Prime-Minister and his office. It is built by a French architect and represents post-revolution, French republican style. On the right hand you will have a building which was built directly for the members of American Embassy and was used by them till the late 1960s. Its style is white, plain, without any excesses – perfect example of American democratic style. This place I find very attractive in terms of its symbolism – Canada is built of different cultures and it goes on creating a multicultural country. Luckily, Ukraine has its own part on this democratic feast.

Favourite quote by Ukrainian author: «Учітесь, читайте, і чужому научайтесь, і свого не цурайтесь» – Тарас Шевченко. / “Think and read, and to your neighbours' gifts pay heed, yet do not

thus neglect your own” – Taras Shevchenko. «З усіх утрат втрата часу найтяжча» – Григорій Сковорода. / “Of all the losses the loss of time is the hardest” – Gregory Skovoroda.

Favourite quote by foreign author: “A journey of a thousand miles begins with the first step” – Lao-Tzu.

Favourite musical recording: Eagles – “Hotel California”.



Tsezarii ZHYDETSKYI

Born in Lviv, Ukraine.

Hometown: Cologne, Germany.

National Technical University of Ukraine “Kyiv Polytechnic Institute” was established in 1898.

Faculty of Management and Marketing.

Ruhr University Bochum was established in 1962.

Faculty of Economics.

2014 **Malanchuk Family Scholarship** recipient.

Intern to **Paul Calandra, MP for Oak Ridges–Markham, Ontario, Conservative Party.** Paul is participated in program for the first time. He was born on May, 13 1970. Paul is of Italian Origin, has a wife and two young daughters. Paul is a member of Conservative Party of Canada and Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister and to the Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs. Basically he is doing the hard job of communication with the media when Prime Minister or Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs is out of Parliament. First he was elected in 2008, by winning less than 0,5 % from the Liberal party Candidate. At the next election Paul won with a difference of 23% from his nearest competitor and achieving 52% of the voters. One of the biggest Paul's achievements this year is direct participation in organization the Stouffville Hockey Night, that raised 88,900 \$ for the Markham Stouffville Hospital. Motivating him to best represent Oak Ridges–Markham in Parliament are the strong personal ties that Mark has with the area. The most

important Paul's goal for today is to legislate in parliament the Bill C-40 that allows a creation of Rouge National Urban Park, which would be the first national urban park in the country. Paul want to protect the existing farms on the future park territory and guarantee both the farming and environmental protection in the parks area.

My favourite Canadian Landscape is Québec city.

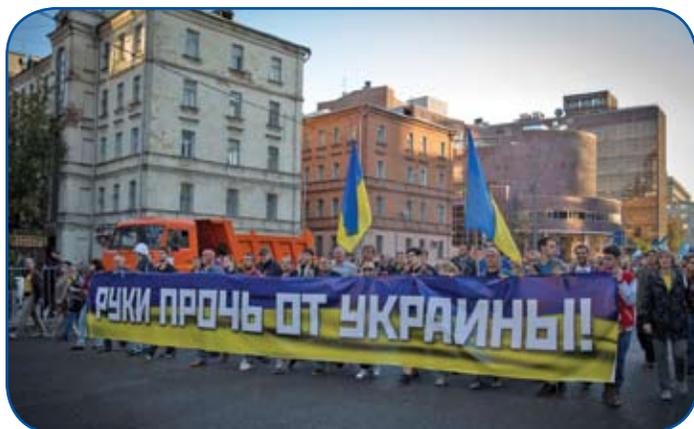
Québec city is the capital of the Canadian province of Quebec. As of 2011 the city has a population of 516,622, and the metropolitan area has a population of 765,706, making it the second most populous city in Quebec after Montreal. Québec City is the crown jewel of French Canada. It's pure Old World Europe right smack in North America, the heart and soul of franco-phone culture in the New World, and it's got a boisterous and down-to-earth population proud to show it all off. Perched atop a cliff that swoops down to the St.

Lawrence River, Québec City is the only walled city on the continent north of Mexico. Québec City's one-of-a-kind history and cultural significance has even got the attention of UNESCO. And since 1985 the entire old town has been placed on the UN's prestigious world heritage list. Nine million tourists come to Québec City each year and it's regularly voted one of the top 10 tourist locations by everyone from Condé Nast to National Geographic Traveler Magazine.

Favourite quote by foreign author: "Veni, vidi, vici", "I came, I saw, I conquered" – Julius Caesar.

Favourite quote by Ukrainian author: "Life will pass, like water and fade like cherry branch. One mistake in life – it does not matter, matter, when whole life – mistake" – Lina Kostenko.

Favourite musical recording: Frank Sinatra – "I Love You, Baby".



Peace March in Moscow.



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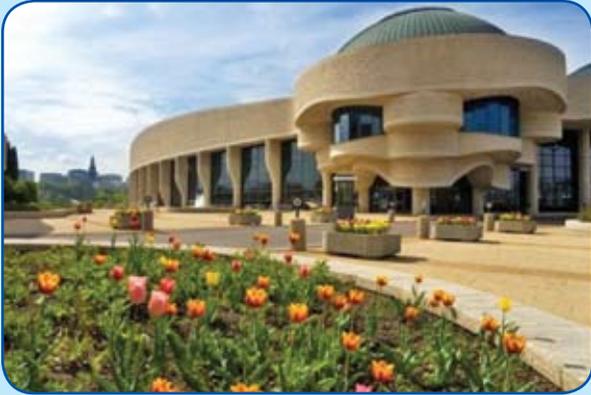


Olga Osypchuk with Hoang Mai, MP from Quebec.



Meeting with MP Ted Opitz. 1st row L to R: Maksym Popovych, Anna Melenchuk, Liliya Shmyhelska, Vasylyna Odnorih, Lyenyera Myemyetova, Oleksandra Karabilo, Khrystyna Oliarnyk. 2nd row L to R: Oleksiy Kovalenko, Oleg Naumenko, Anton Burinkov, Pavlo Sorokin, Denys Zboroshenko, Anastasiia Melnyk, MP Ted Opitz, Anna Urukova, Olga Karkhanina, Viktoria Zalozna, Maksym Synytsya, Iryna Dobrohorska, Anastassia Vitkovitsky. 3rd row L to R: Denys Samoilenko, Arsen Yevchuk, Tsezarii Zhydetskiy.

Oleksandra BROVKO



The Canadian Museum of History.

Anton BURINKOV



Algonquin Provincial Park.

Iryna DOBROHORSKA



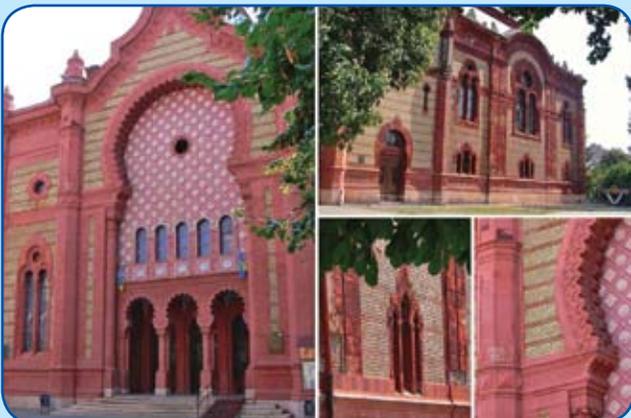
St. Lawrence River & Vieux Port de Quebec in Quebe City.

Oleh FEDAY



The Swallow's Nest in Yalta, Ukraine.

Oksana HUSS



The Synagogue of Uzhorod.

Oleksandra KARABILO

Notre-Dame Cathedral Basilica in Ottawa (Oleksandra Karabilo and Petro Kocherhan).



Olga KARKHANINA



BAPS Shri Swaminarayan mandir in Toronto.

Petro KOCHERHAN



St. Joseph's Oratory in Montreal.

Sofiya KOMINKO



Perce Rock on the coast of the Gaspesie Peninsula.

Maria KOROLENKO



Whale watching in Tadoussac.

Oleksiy KOVALENKO



Gatineau Park in Ottawa, Ontario.

Nataliia MASLENNKOVA



Niagara Falls in Ontario.

Anna MELENCHUK



CN Tower in Toronto.

Anastasia MELNYK



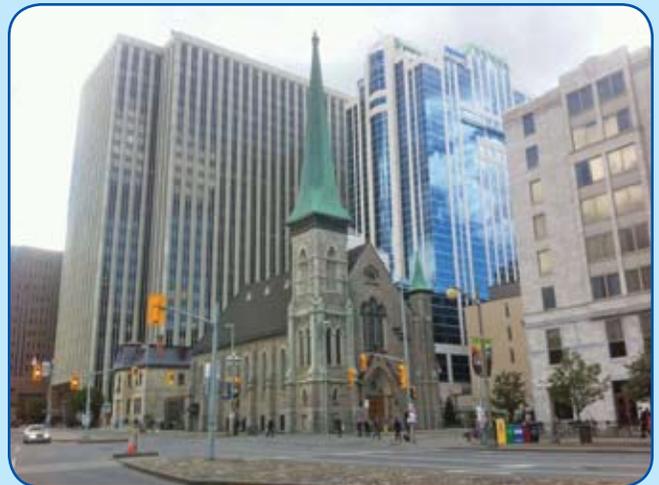
One of the Cape Breton Island Scenic Trails.

Lyenyera MYEMYETOVA



Gatineau Park in Ottawa, Ontario.

Oleg NAUMENKO



First Baptist Church and 160 Elgin Street in Ottawa.

Vasylyna ODNORIH



The Centennial Flame on the Parliament Hill.

Mykhailo OLEKSIENKO



York University campus in Toronto.

Khrystyna OLIARNYK



Pink Lake at
Gatineau Park.

Olga OSYPOCHUK



Old Port of Montreal.

Monika OTASOVIIE



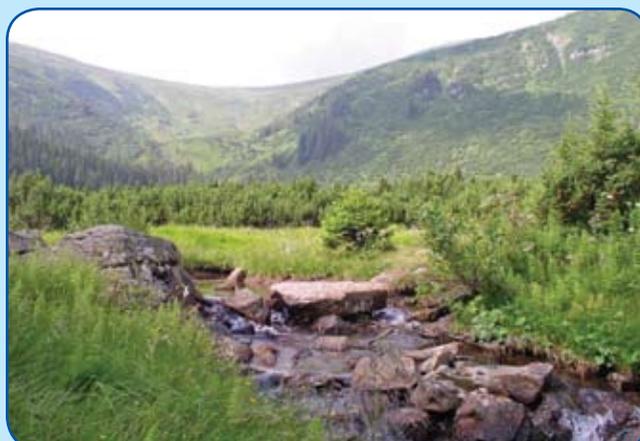
Sofiyivskiy Park.

Daria PANKRATOVA



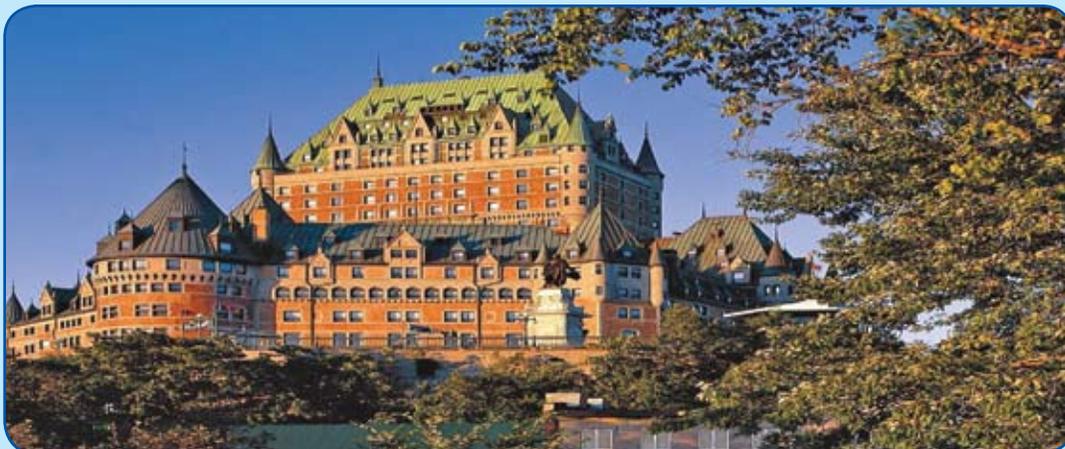
Pink Lake at Gatineau Park.

Olesya POGORELOVA



Hoverla Mountain.

Maksym POPOVYCH



Fairmont Le Chateau Frontenac in Quebec City.

Denys SAMOILENKO



St. Joseph's Oratory in Montreal.

Vasylysa SHEININA



Banff National Park in the Rocky Mountains.

Artem SHAIPOV



A breathtaking view on the Thousand Islands.

Varvara SHMYGALOVA



Sculpture of "Joy" by Bruce Garner on Sparks Street Mall in Ottawa.

Pavlo SOROKIN



Pink Lake in Gatineau Park.

Liliya SHMYHELKA



Old Town Lunenburg in Nova Scotia.

Christina SHOUP



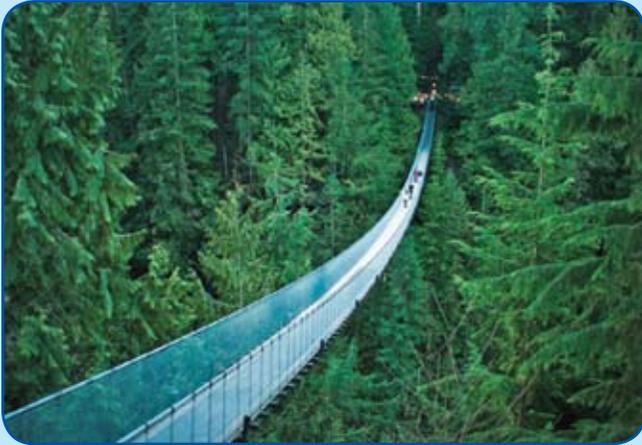
Niagara Falls in Ontario.

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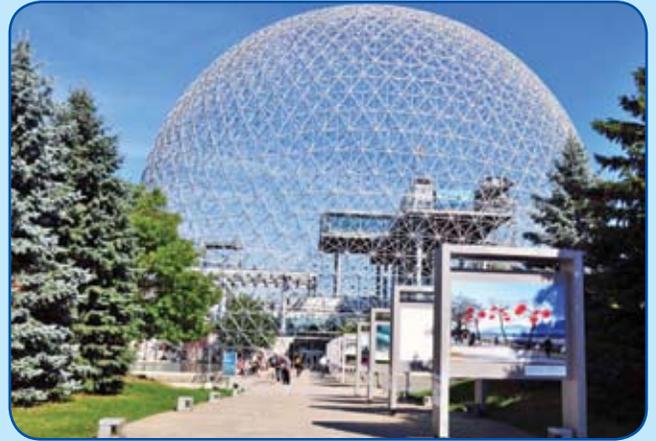
Old Port of Montreal.

Maksym SYNYTSYA



Capilano Suspension Bridge in Vancouver, BC.

Anna URUKOVA

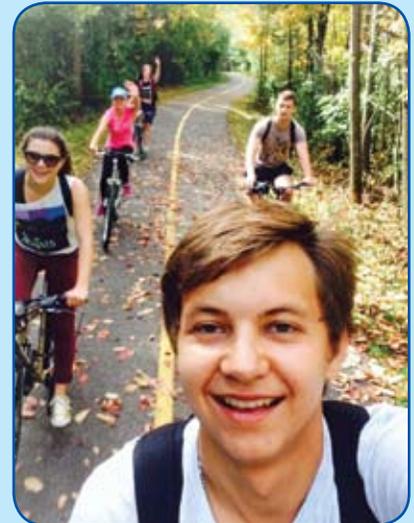


Montreal Biosphere.

Arsen YEVCHEUK



Trails for bikes in Gatineau Park.



Anastassia VITKOVITSKY



The City of Lviv.

Petro ZALIZNIAK



The Thousand Islands.

Viktoriia ZALOZNA



View on Tadoussac in Quebec.

Denys ZBOROSHENKO



Terry Fox Square in the heart of Ottawa.

Tsezarii ZHYDETSKYI



Panorama of Quebec City's skyline.



CUPP Interns with the Ambassador of Ukraine to Canada Vadym Prystaiko.



Daria Pankratova, Olga Osypchuk, Petro Kochergan, Viktoria Zalozna, Varvara Shmygalova in Montreal.



"My Experiences in Canada were life-changing"

Oleg NAUMENKO

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2014 Michael Starr Scholarship recipient

On October 9, a group of thirty-three Ukrainian students, serving internships in the Canadian Parliament, got a chance to travel to Montreal for the Okean Elzy concert. This was Okean's first concert of the 2014 world tour which will take them to Boston, New York, Chicago, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Frankfurt, London, Minsk, Barcelona, Roma, Paris.

The Band celebrates its 20th anniversary this year. It becomes more meaningful and symbolic in light of the events in Ukraine, in which Okean's leader, Svyatoslav Vakarchuk, played a significant role. While the war continues in the east of the country and the Ukrainian government struggles to maintain stability at home and at the same time works for urgent reforms, Vakarchuk uses his talent as a musician, as well as his passion and energy to urge his fellow countrymen to support their country and maintain their optimism for its future.

"It is great to see you all here," Vakarchuk smiles, "times have changed dramatically and now many more Ukrainians can travel to Canada and gain valuable educational experience, as you know."

Vakarchuk is no stranger to Canada; in fact his first journey abroad was at the age of 15 when he arrived to Ottawa to spend 45 days with the his host family. It was one of the few programs launched to help the independent Ukrainian

state to educate a new generation of global citizens who would be able to experience life in Canada and the United States and learn how far the truth was from the Soviet indoctrination. "I studied in a school that focused on the English language and literature and we could do such exchanges – Ukrainian pupils would visit Canadian families and Canadian pupils ours," Vakarchuk explains, "You cannot imagine what it was like for a kid from the Soviet Union to land in Ottawa airport – it was similar to a space trip to Mars. My time in Canada was life-changing and I returned to Ukraine remembering one principle that I continue to hold dear – I will always fight for my rights and no one will make me unfree."

The concert was special because it was the first time that the Horikh family, which hosted little Slavko back in 1990, got a chance to see a live performance of the Ukrainian rock-star. "We never thought that Slavko will become a singer," says Iryna Horikh who recalls a young boy who lived with them for more than a month. Indeed, the career choice of the present-day rock-star surprised many, given that Vakarchuk graduated from Ivan Franko National University of Lviv, with a degree in theoretical physics. Perhaps the world lost the Ukrainian version of Richard Feynman but it got one of the brightest Ukrainian musicians whose popularity has gone far beyond his homeland. O.E.'s songs can be heard from every corner of the world and Canada – with its 1.2

million Ukrainian community – is at the forefront of promoting Ukrainian-language music in North America. "Slavko was always a very smart and well-behaved boy – we thought he is going to be a diplomat," Iryna Horikh continues. "He was very knowledgeable about Ukrainian history and felt passionate about it. He said that a person who does not know the history of his country cannot understand his native culture and daily environment completely. For Slavko, Ukrainian history was a lodestar that guided him to success." Vakarchuk personally phoned the Horikhs to let them know that he was going to perform in Montreal so they could hold a reunion after so many years.

Canada-Ukraine Parliamentary Program (CUPP) interns had the honour to meet and talk with Svyatoslav Vakarchuk, who is not only a musician but also a prominent civic activist who supported pro-democracy movements during both the Orange Revolution in 2004, and the Revolution of Dignity or Euro-Maydan of 2013-2014. "I love Ukrainians. We are a romantic nation but quite often we rush to different extremes. Take the motto "Slava Ukrayini" (Glory to Ukraine). First we were afraid of using it because the Soviet historical narrative labeled those who fought for an independent Ukrainian state as fascists, whereas now we can hear the greeting whether it is timely or not. There are still greetings like "Good Day" and "Good Evening", you know. I like to use them as well, instead of repeating political

slogans among friends.”

Members of CUPP invited Svyatoslav Vakarchuk to take part in the fundraising campaign that was organized before the concert – the money raised was sent to the Ukrainian-Canadian NGOs that provide medicine and humanitarian aid to the Ukrainian army. CUPP Interns can be proud of themselves – although the campaign was organized on short notice and carried out just prior to the concert, the volunteers succeeded in collecting over \$2,000 that combined with the efforts of hundreds of thousands of other volunteers worldwide will help Ukraine in its hour of need.

After the meeting with Svyatoslav, the CUPP Interns joined the near sell-out audience, eager to enter the concert hall. Interestingly, a Russian company helped to organize the concert. Hopefully it shows that despite the Russian-Ukrainian military and information war by the Russian government, there is still hope for reconciliation. Vakarchuk’s songs became prophetic and his music remains one of the vital links that can connect the two nations. I remember the huge numbers of Russian fans in concert halls and even in Moscow’s

Sheremetyevo airport on December 24, 2013 who applauded Okean’s music. “Currently our concerts in Russia are cancelled not on our initiative,” Vakarchuk says. The undeclared war between Ukraine and Russia is accompanied with an aggressive anti-Ukrainian policy pushed by notorious lawmakers such as Vladimir Zhirinovskiy and St. Petersburg’s Vitalii Milonov. Even ambassadors of peace and culture like Svyatoslav Vakarchuk struggle to get their message across to the country that has descended into a “besieged fortress” mindset. However, Okean’s cooperation with a Russian firm in Canada gives some hope that the voice of reason may yet return to that country.

Okean Elzy has a reputation of turning every concert into a super show and their performance in Montreal was no exception. Despite the unusually small stage in comparison with enormous football stadiums in which Vakarchuk performs in Ukraine, the concert was explosive. The entire audience almost never sat in their seats, standing, jumping and cheering throughout the whole performance. Before the band started to play, the audience sang the national anthem of

Ukraine, which has come to be known as “La Marseillaise of the twenty-first century” for its revolutionary appeal. Vakarchuk combined well-known old songs with new ones that came into prominence during EuroMaydan. CUPP Interns were in the first rows, cheering and singing every song together with the band. The same spirit of unity that inspired crowds in Kyiv, Kharkiv, Odesa and Lviv during Vakarchuk’s concert tour prevailed in Montreal. Today, the words of Okean Elzy’s new song “The Wall” – “Will we be strong enough to tear down this wall?” – are most important. The Revolution of Dignity, the Russian annexation of Crimea and the war in eastern Ukraine have broken friendships, connections and family ties among thousands of Ukrainians and Russians. Svyatoslav Vakarchuk is one of the few who continues to successfully connect different generations of Ukrainians from Lviv to Donetsk and from Chernihiv to Sevastopol. In turn, it is our task – as citizens of Ukraine, Europe and the world – to build new bridges of respect and understanding in order to make our homeland prosperous and democratic.



At Carleton University with the Ambassador of Poland in Canada. L to R: Anna Melenchuk, Anna Urukova, Petro Kocherhan, Pavlo Sorokin, Vasylyna Odnorih, Viktoria Zalozna.



CUPP 2014 Intern at Courty of Justice.



Ukraine's Quest for NATO Membership: legally or politically difficult?

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Since Russia's occupation of Crimea, major world media such as the Washington Post and BBC have commented on Ukraine's prospects for NATO membership. However, the growing interest in the subject has not removed the confusion around the requirements of joining the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

When it comes to the requirements of membership, these are much simpler than the impression created by the media. The requirements of NATO membership are all listed in Article 10 of the North Atlantic Treaty. Firstly, the state seeking membership must be *European*. Secondly, it must also be *in a position to further the principles of [the Treaty] and to contribute to the security of the North Atlantic area*. It is thus quite evident that the criteria are rather general, and the provision was most likely drafted this way to make it flexible. The reference to the principles may be interpreted as the reference to democracy, individual liberty and the rule of law, all mentioned in the preamble of the treaty. While the principles are less ambiguous, contribution to the security of the North Atlantic region is somewhat vague. This vagueness is further reinforced by the fact that it is the unanimous agreement that serves as a formal invitation to the European state seeking to become a NATO member. (ARE you saying that the decision to invite a

state to join NATO must be unanimous?) On the other hand, paradoxically, the unanimous readiness to accept a new country into the Alliance is the most concrete and practical criterion.

In any event, the conditions set out in Article 10 are the *only* requirements for joining NATO. The Russian occupation of Crimea and further ongoing Russian aggression towards Ukraine cannot alone be regarded as valid reasons precluding Ukraine from joining the Alliance. In fact, the history of NATO expansion demonstrates how flexible Article 10 can really be. The expansion of NATO by the admission of the former Warsaw Pact nations has been criticized as being harmful to the security of NATO nations and commented positively as the only efficient way of assuring peace and security for the former Moscow satellites.

The bottom line is that Ukraine's ability to contribute to the security in Europe is a matter of interpretation and geopolitical stance. More precisely, it is the matter of unanimous interpretation of the current members. What is however fundamentally incorrect is presenting any current struggle that Ukraine is facing as a valid impediment for Ukraine to become part of the Alliance. There is no basis in customary international law or the North Atlantic Treaty itself precluding Ukraine from complete integration with the Alliance. It can be discerned that Ukraine's membership in NATO is both doable, as well as

a difficult political decision. Despite its difficult nature, the decision remains in the hands of NATO members. Although it might seem obvious enough, non-NATO members cannot have any say in such matters. There is no valid or legal, or political, basis for Russia to hold a veto right, or have any other influence over this matter. The membership prospects of *any* applicant for NATO status, despite what or how Russian propaganda can perceive or spin NATO's enlargement, is beyond Russia's power.

Before the presidency of the now infamous Mr. Yanukovich, Ukraine had already been very active in its aspirations to join the Membership Action Plan. Before the Bucharest Summit in 2008, Ukraine had been trying to intensify its cooperation with the Alliance persistently. However, Ukraine's efforts turned out to be fruitless at that point due to a very clear *political* decision of European leaders. The then French Prime Minister Fillon stated: "*We are opposed to the entry of Georgia and Ukraine because we think that it is not a good answer to the balance of power within Europe and between Europe and Russia.*"

At the time, Ukraine seemed to be very distant from being involved in any military conflicts. In fact, the modern state of Ukraine has never been involved in an armed conflict with any other state, until the invasions and warfare by Russia this year. That is, the present conflict is apparently not the reason why

[some] current NATO members are not ready to welcome Ukraine to the club. Ukraine was not wel-

comed either at peace or at war. In 2008, it seemed to be an appeasement to Moscow. Well, apparently

that strategy did not work so well. What would Mr. Fillon say now?

Does Language Matter?

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I have heard that the human body's cells are replaced every seven years. Coming from a Russian-speaking environment, I started learning Ukrainian in the first grade, at the age of seven. I made a conscious decision to speak Ukrainian and write my poems in Ukrainian when I was fourteen. And this year, on reaching the age of majority, I graduated to become a full-fledged, fearless, and optimistic Ukrainian. I started taking pride in my ancestry, discovering my own culture, country and roots.

And yet, ironic as it may seem, I have become much more tolerant with regard to other people's choices. That includes the language one chooses to speak. I believe that one cannot impose a language – one can or should encourage the usage of a language by raising the prestige of the language. And this is being done by having Ukrainian as the language of educational institutions, law, mass media (with the sad exception of magazines, yet this practice is also about to change). When acceptance of language comes naturally, from within, when it is genuine, then it has real value. Otherwise, it is nothing but hypocrisy. Plus, we all know that fish rots from the head down.

Therefore, I believe that what needs to be done, along with the author's (Yuriy Belinskiy – now editor of the Toronto based newspa-

per New Pathway or Novyy Shliakh) recommendation to start "ukrainianizing" the internet, is to implement the practice of having all politicians – *and I mean all of them* – pass a test in the Ukrainian language before standing for election, just as was the practice here in the early XX century, before Stalin took a hammer to everything Ukrainian in an effort to force Ukrainian out of existence. Allow the elected politicians to use Ukrainian only in public, since they are the representatives of the nation and it is they who are the public image of our country.

And by the way it would not be a bad idea if politicians, especially those who aspire to become Minister's or high government officials to learn English and possibly French to match the example of Polish and most European politicians.

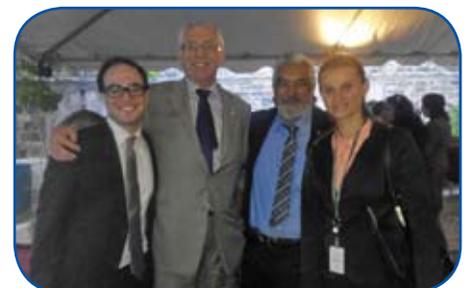
Maydan was a brilliant affirmation of the incredible unity of the people based on ideas and aspira-

tions, with no dissention as to the language spoken on a daily basis. Russian, Ukrainian, Polish, other language speaking people, everyone can – and did get along well, just as today the soldiers from different backgrounds are doing in the East of Ukraine.

I do consider the language "problem" to be artificial – I have friends from across the country, and our generation chooses to speak Ukrainian more and more among ourselves, especially with the increase of tolerance, pride and patriotism among the people. Of course, some support on the legislative level would be beneficial, but at the end of the day, it is all about loving this big, beautiful, complex country, wishing it goodwill, and working for its future – no matter in which language, for actions speak louder than words.



L to R: Alex Atamanenko, MP (NDP), Oleksiy Kovalenko (CUPP 2014 Intern).



L to R: Lawrence Brass (Mr. Daniel's assistant), Mr. L. Maguire, MP, Mr. J. Daniel, MP, O. Kharkhanina at the first reception.



Dear CUPP Interns and Participants of Model Ukraine Conferences

Zenon ZAWADA

Kyiv, October 14, 2014

It's been a year since our conference in Ottawa (*Model Ukraine Conference, 16-18 October 2013*) and so much has changed. Instead of talking about whether the EU will sign the Association Agreement, we are now talking about why no criminal charges have been brought against any of the Yanukovich administration officials.

I surprised, maybe offended, some of you when I said that Ukrainian students haven't been adequately exposed to Western literature. What I meant by that was that in the quest for European integration and Western values, Ukrainian schools and universities haven't offered literature that helps students understand the foundations of Western civilization. This is my experience in living in Ukraine for nine years.

Undoubtedly, such reading is needed just as much in the West, as it is in Ukraine. Indeed, many schools and universities in the West, particularly the United States, no longer teach students about the foundations of Western civilization: rule of law, individual rights, private property rights, and personal responsibility.

Instead Western schools and universities are now actively teaching values utterly opposed to Western ideals: collective responsibility, economic collectivism, group rights and cultural Marxism, which holds

that all cultures have equal value and that values are all relative and based on consensus.

So Western governments and elites are currently undermining the foundations on which they were able to establish societies with such freedom and prosperity. Even I have had to spend much of my adult life re-educating myself on the foundations of Western civilization, having been deprived during my New York City public school education. Marxist and collectivist thought dominate most Western universities nowadays and those advocating Western values are treated with disdain and even persecution.

Indeed I've had such discussions with numerous supporters of Western values, both in Ukraine and in the West, who have said they have more likelihood of being preserved in the former Soviet bloc of countries (Poland, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Hungary, Slovenia, Croatia and maybe even Ukraine in 30-50 years), which experienced the tyranny of Bolshevism and don't want to return to that way of life. Countries that were once the cradle of Western civilization (Great Britain, Belgium, France, Holland, Germany) have had their cultural and educational institutions largely overtaken by Marxist thoughts and attitudes. In several decades, some may even be under pressure to adopt non-Western legal systems such as Islamic sharia law (which is already

happening in some localities of England).

So I am sharing a brief list, just the tip of the iceberg, of some of the classics of Western literature, as well as contemporary books, which explain the history of the West. I have only read half of these books, which have been recommended by my colleagues. In doing this reading, we can be more aware of what the EuroMaydan struggled for than even average Westerners, who stand to lose their freedom and prosperity with the displacement of Western values.

- (1) *The Republic*, Plato, 380 B.C.
- (2) *Nicomachean Ethics*, Aristotle, 350 B.C.
- (3) *1215: The Year of the Magna Carta*, Danny Danziger, 2003
- (4) *The Essence of the Reformation*, Kirsten Birkett, 2009
- (5) *Leviathan*, Thomas Hobbes, 1651
- (6) *The Wealth of Nations*, Adam Smith, 1776
- (7) *Groundwork of the Metaphysics of Morals*, 1785, Immanuel Kant
- (8) *The Federalist Papers*, Alexander Hamilton, James Madison, John Jay, 1787
- (9) *Civilization: Six Ways the West Beat the Rest*, Niall Ferguson, 2011
- (10) *Inventing Freedom: How the English-Speaking Peoples Made the Modern World*, Daniel Hannan, 2013

Canada-Ukraine Parliamentary Program PRESS RELEASE

Ukrainian Day on Parliament Hill 2014

The Canada-Ukraine Parliamentary Program (CUPP) Interns who come from universities in Belgium, Israel, Netherlands, Poland, Switzerland, United Kingdom and Ukraine will focus on Ukraine, the election of October 26 and Canada-Ukraine relations.

For immediate release

Tuesday October 21, 2014 – Ottawa – On **October 30th** the 33 Interns of the CUPP program, in its 24th year of operation in the House of Commons will hold **Ukrainian Day on Parliament Hill 2014**, to discuss important events in Ukraine and cooperation between Canada and Ukraine.

Ukrainian Day on Parliament Hill 2014 will take place in 2 locations.

The first location will be the **Prayer for Peace for Ukraine**, an inter-faith ecumenical service at 11:00 AM at the Eternal Flame.

The second location will be at NOON at Room 362 EAST BLOCK, Parliament Hill. The Information Session titled **Ukraine in a Neighbourhood of Civil and Uncivil Societies** will include brief reports about the ongoing war with Russia, the results of the October 26 parliamentary elections in Ukraine, the continuation of the Canada-Ukraine Parliamentary Internship Program and cooperation between the Canada-Ukraine Parliamentary Friendship Groups in both the Canadian and Ukrainian Parliaments.

This will be the second Ukrainian Day on Parliament Hill, in which the Ukrainian Interns will take part. In 2011 the first Ukrainian Day on the Hill, took place and

brought Ukrainian-Canadian representatives to Parliament Hill to meet with government officials. In 2014 the CUPP Interns are relying on their own resources to inform Canadians about events in their homeland.

Over 1,000 university students from universities in countries of the former Soviet Union, the European Union and Ukraine have benefitted by an internship of from 2 to 12 months in the House of Commons, have learned the operation of the Westminster system of government, first past the post elections, civil society Canadian style and have received scholarships to take up graduate and postgraduate studies at universities outside of Ukraine. The continuation of the CUPP Program is vital to the edu-

cation of a new generation of leaders for Ukraine, as it sheds the legacy of a totalitarian past.

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"Перспективи розвитку торгово-економічних відносин України та Канади: Угода про зону вільної торгівлі"

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Торговельні відносини України з Канадою є досить перспективними, зважаючи на значну українську діаспору в країні. Канада була другою країною в світі і першою в західній півкулі, яка визнала незалежність України. Ще у перші роки незалежності України в Канаді була створена Канадсько-українська торгова палата для розвитку та підтримки зовнішньоторговельних зв'язків.

У зв'язку із скороченням експорту українських товарів до Росії логічним постає питання про пошуки нових ринків експорту. Факт анексії Криму та присутність військ Російської Федерації на Сході унеможлиблює подальшу плідну економічну співпрацю двох країн та змушує Україну шукати нові ринки збуту своєї продукції. Таким чином під час візиту Президента України Петра Порошенка до Канади 17 вересня 2014 р. канадська та українська сторона обговорили перспективи укладення Угоди про зону вільної торгівлі. Варто зазначити, що переговори про укладення такої угоди велися протягом трьох років попередньою владою і завершилися невдачею у 2013 р. з ініціативи канадської сторони. Основним невіршеним питанням залишилася тарифна позиція Канади, згідно з якою Канада зберігатиме режим адміністрування тарифних квот та застосування

високих тарифних ставок ввізного мита на товари, які експортуватимуться з України. Саме це питання стане найскладнішим в рамках майбутніх переговорів про підписання Угоди про зону вільної торгівлі між Україною та Канадою.

Українсько-канадське економічне співробітництво регламентується доволі широкою нормативно-правовою базою. Це зокрема:

- Угода про іноземні інвестиції і взаємний захист (1995).
- Конвенція про уникнення подвійного оподаткування (1996).
- Угода про співробітництво у ядерній сфері (1996).
- Угода про повітряний транспорт (1999).

У зв'язку з можливістю поновлення переговорів про підписання Угоди про зону вільної торгівлі особливої актуальності набуває тема аналізу торговельно-економічних відносин, перспектив українського експорту до Канади, потенційних ризиків та переваг укладання Угоди про зону вільної торгівлі.

Експорт України до Канади та перспективи його розширення

За даними Держкомстату України, за 2013 рік загальний обсяг взаємної торгівлі товарами та послугами між Україною та

Канадою склав 469,4 млн. дол. США (зменшення на 2,8% у порівнянні з 2012 роком). Експорт товарів та послуг склав 161,4 млн. дол. (зменшення на 32,1%). Імпорт товарів та послуг становив 308 млн. дол. (збільшення на 25,5%). Від'ємне для України сальдо склало 146,5 млн. дол. (погіршення на 138,9 млн. дол.)

Що стосується товарної структури експорту України до Канади, то варто зазначити, що лідером експорту вже традиційно виступають чорні метали та вироби з них. Великими обсягами до Канади експортується продукція української хімічної промисловості, серед якої насамперед мінеральні та хімічні добрива. Традиційно до Канади постачаються обладнання залізничного транспорту. На ринку Канади представлено значний асортимент легкої промисловості: верхній одяг, костюми та штани для жінок, чоловіків. Зростає також постачання гумових шин українського виробництва для автобусів та вантажних автомобілів на канадський ринок.

В умовах конфлікту України з Росією, доцільним постає питання переорієнтації українських товарів та послуг, які реалізувалися на російському ринку та диверсифікації експорту. **Обсяги зовнішньої торгівлі товарами та послугами України з Російсь-**

кою Федерацією за січень - квітень 2014 р. становили 10823,3 млн. дол. США і зменшилися у порівнянні з січнем - квітнем 2013 року на 3134,3 млн. дол. США або на 22,5%. Аналіз товарної структури експорту України до Росії показує, що лідерами вітчизняного експорту є продукція машинобудування (26,6%), продукція металургійної промисловості (14,4%), продовольча продукція (8,2%), продукція хімічної промисловості (9,7%).¹

У зв'язку з високими стандартами якості канадської продукції в короткостроковій перспективі Україна не зможе переорієнтувати експорт продукції машинобудування, який йде в Росію за рахунок канадського ринку. Експорт продовольства також буде обмеженим через високі тарифні ставки та квоти, які застосовує Канада на імпорт сільськогосподарської продукції. Тим не менше перспективними залишається збільшення експорту продукції металургійної та хімічної промисловості, зокрема переорієнтації експорту товарних позицій цих товарних груп з російського на канадський ринок. Саме на ці дві товарні групи Угода про зону вільної торгівлі між Україною та Канадою матиме найбільш позитивний ефект.

У цьому контексті цікавим також буде заміщення певних товарів, які Росія експортує в Канаду українською продукцією. Так станом на січень-березень 2014 р. основними статтями експорту Росії до Канади стали та ж продукція хімічної промисловості, а також метали та вироби з них. Підписання Угоди про зону вільної торгівлі України та Канади суттєво вплине та ціну української продукції хімічної промисло-

вості та металургії та зробить її більш привабливою для канадського споживача.

Окремо хотілося б розглянути ситуацію з українським машинобудуванням, окремі статті експорту якого повністю зосереджені на Росії. І саме для них питання переорієнтації на інші зовнішні ринки є найбільш складними. Так, загальна частка Росії в експорті машинобудівного обладнання України в 2013 р. склала 52%. Але якщо в питанні продажу залізничного та військового обладнання Україні насамперед варто збільшувати державні замовлення, то український експорт авіа та суднобудування має неабиякі перспективи. На сьогоднішній день експорт продукції авіа та суднобудування до Росії складає 34%, а до ЄС та інших країн світу 51%. Це непоганий показник, який свідчить про те, що українська авіа і суднобудівна галузь користується попитом у світі. Потенційно продукція цих галузей може реалізуватися і на канадському ринку.

Експортні можливості Канади в Україні

Впродовж першої половини 2014 р. обсяги взаємної торгівлі між Україною та Канадою скоротилися на 24% і становили 62 мільйони доларів. Зокрема канадський експорт скоротився на 28% і становив 21 мільйон доларів. Така ситуація викликана насамперед політичною нестабільністю в Україні та конфліктом з Росією.

У структурі канадського експорту до України переважає фармацевтична продукція, продукція хімічної промисловості, механічне обладнання, заморожена риба, свинина та етиловий спирт. Загалом структура товарного імпорту з Канади зазнала досить суттєвих позитивних змін у напрямі розши-

рення обсягів імпорту високотехнологічної продукції виробничого призначення та комплектуючих до неї.

Угода про зону вільної торгівлі сприятиме збільшенню канадського експорту в Україну та інтенсифікації економічного співробітництва.

Ризики та переваги укладення Угоди про зону вільної торгівлі

Потенційними перевагами від укладення угоди про зону вільної торгівлі з Канадою можна назвати:

- Зменшення внутрішніх цін від 0% до 0,1%
- Збільшення обсягу ВВП на 0,03%
- Зростання кількості робочих місць в економічній сфері на 4 тис. осіб

Згідно з даними Міністерства економічного розвитку і торгівлі, найбільше зростання ВВП можна очікувати у таких видах економічної діяльності як металургія та обробка металу +0,76%, харчова промисловість +0,09%, видобування неенергетичних матеріалів +0,05%. Помітного зростання кількості зайнятих можна очікувати у таких видах економічної діяльності, як: металургія та обробка металу (3,6 тис. осіб), харчова промисловість (+0,07 тис. осіб).²

Майбутня угода приведе до збільшення потоків товарів та послуг і що важливо, інвестицій, що у свою чергу сприятиме виробникам, які матимуть доступ до дешевшого устаткування та сировини, а також споживачам, які отримають ширший вибір товарів та послуг за нижчими цінами.

Потенційними ризиками від укладення Угоди про зону вільної торгівлі з Канадою стануть:

¹ Державна підтримка українського експорту http://www.ukrexport.gov.ua/ukr/tovaroobig_z_a_kab_stat/

² http://me.kmu.gov.ua/control/uk/publish/printable_article?art_id=188053

- Зростання конкуренції для українських виробників, що може призвести до закриття певних компаній
- Висока конкурентоздатність канадських товарів. Для того, щоб реалізувати вітчизняну продукцію в Канаді потрібно буде проводити модернізацію, а також дотримуватись стандартів якості, а це додаткові витрати.
- Складна система квотування канадського імпорту може призвести до того, що квоти будуть вичерпані основними торговельними партнерами, а український експорт залишиться поза квотою.

У найскладніші умови потраплять вітчизняні виробники сільськогосподарської продукції, оскільки Канада надає державну підтримку сільському господарству. Доступ до ринку сільськогосподарської продукції Канади обмежений високими тарифами. Зокрема такі товарні позиції як м'ясо рогатої худоби, свійська птиця, молочні продукти підлягають стягненню мита у розмірі 164,5-313,5%. Ще одним торговельним бар'єром у цьому контексті виступає квотування імпорту. Традиційно основними торговельними партнерами Канади в рамках квот є Сполучені Штати Америки, Велика Британія, Японія. Саме питання лібералізації торгівлі сільськогосподарськими товарами стануть ключовими в рамках майбутніх переговорів про підписання Угоди про зону вільної торгівлі з Канадою.

Варто згадати про позитивний вплив майбутньої Угоди про зону вільної торгівлі Канади з ЄС на переговори про таку угоду з Україною. В рамках Угоди про зону вільної торгівлі між ЄС та Канадою були досягнуті домовленості про взаємне визнання

стандартів продукції та зменшення кількості інших технічних бар'єрів. Україна, підписавши Угоду про асоціацію, зобов'язалася адаптувати систему технічного регулювання відповідно до європейського зразка. Так в червні та квітні 2014 р. Україна прийняла три закони у сфері технічного регулювання, які були обов'язковими для підписання Угоди про асоціацію.

Таким чином, укладення Угоди про зону вільної торгівлі з Канадою є позитивним та необхідним кроком, який сприятливо вплине на:

- 1) загальну економічну ситуацію в Україні;
- 2) стане стимулом до проведення модернізації українськими виробниками;
- 3) дозволить частково переорієнтувати експорт української продукції, яка реалізується на російському ринку;
- 4) покращить інвестиційний клімат в Україні;

5) зміцнить політичне та економічне співробітництво України та Канади;

6) дозволить Канаді безперешкодно торгувати з Україною та збільшити експорт.

У зв'язку з вищезазначеними потенційними ризиками майбутньої Угоди про зону вільної торгівлі українській стороні рекомендується наголосити на:

- 1) наданні Україні експортних квот для торгівлі сільськогосподарськими товарами
- 2) ліквідації тарифних та інших технічних бар'єрів в торгівлі
- 3) необхідності запровадження перехідного періоду для підтримки найчутливіших галузей української економіки

Разом із закріпленням цих пунктів в майбутній угоді Україні слід проводити модернізацію промисловості та впроваджувати нові технології задля підвищення конкурентоздатності вітчизняної продукції.



Lyubomyr and CUPP Seminar.



Ed Komarnicki with Iryna Dobrohorska, CUPP Intern.



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Life in Luhansk, with War Around You

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This year I had no summer vacation. Summer escaped. In its place the warlords of the apocalypse arrived in our Luhansk countryside, wearing balaclavas and dressed in military camouflage suits without insignias. Invaders, Criminals or mercenaries they came to conquer. They brought war, devastation and death.

Sounds of war surrounded us. Rocket fire, tanks rumbling through the fields, destruction. We feared for our lives. And horrible deaths came, when in July bodies of children, women and men fell down from the sky.

My family lives in the town of Brianka 60 km from Luhansk. At the end of my school year, as usual I returned to my home, expecting to get some rest, visit with friends, go fishing, and eat some home cooking. But an invasion of our land changed all plans for summer. Soon we were spending our days in our cellar listening to the sounds of heavy artillery and the rumbling of tanks around us.

Our once quiet days turned into a struggle for survival and we began to run short of food. Food stores discontinued the use of electronic payment systems, the shelves became depleted and it became difficult to find food. Our search for food and drinking water became a daily routine. Our good fortune was our small garden. It supplied us with vegetables and some berries. Some days we prayed that if a bomb should come, that it take the house but not our vegetable garden.

Despite the terrible conditions, there were areas of Luhansk re-

gion where conditions were much worse. For example in the town of Lutugino that is situated near Luhansk and not far from Luhansk international airport. There were many battles on its territory and this city is almost destroyed now.

At times there was no electricity, no running water and no telephone communication. This made it difficult to stay in our house. But we persevered and despite the hardships we have survived.

Since the invasion, my parents and grandparents have not received their salaries and pensions. This made our predicament more difficult but we managed because my parents kept their savings at home. And during the periods when electricity was temporarily restored, I worked on the Internet.

During these months of war, our family has stayed united and we coped with all daily problems, despite the state of war and fear for our lives. Before the ceasefire it was very hard to live, when you knew that at any moment you could be taken prisoner by the local rebels or Russian troops. Or just be killed.

Our town is less attractive to the invaders and therefore able to withstand the attacks. We are between Stakhanov where there is a Wagon Plant and Alchevsk where there is metallurgical works. These are some of the biggest factories in our region and appear to be of greater interest to the invaders.

In our circumstances it is impossible to greet each other with "Slava Ukraini, (Glory to Ukraine.)" Because if you dare use this greeting, you will be imprisoned or

forced to dig trenches during the fighting or in some cases be put to death. At the moment there is no place for human rights and justice here. These invaders come from another culture. They are uncivilized. The control here is with the Russian invaders and local terrorists. In a small town like ours there is even a military commandant's headquarters under the Russian tricolour. It is rumoured that people are tortured there. The invaders say that if there is interrogation it is only of homeless people, spies and known patriots.

We live under a curfew from 7 am to 10 pm and anyone who breaks the curfew is picked up and taken to the military commandant's headquarters. I cannot meet my friends anymore. Most of them escaped with the arrival of the warlords.

Returning to study in Luhansk is impossible at the moment. My university, Taras Shevchenko National University of Luhansk was moved out of the Luhansk People's Republic (LNR) to the Ukrainian held city of Starobelsk. Starobelsk is also in Luhansk region. Some professors and teachers of my university who live in Luhansk were recently kidnapped and turned over to the Security Service (SBU). The SBU has established an improvised jail for all enemies of LNR. The government of LNR is about to appoint their own representative to govern the university. I very much miss the time when it was peaceful here. When the Ukrainian govern-

ment was looking after the people and when there was justice and order. Now there is complete chaos

and no one knows how things will end. I hope very much that everyone here will support peaceful ini-

tiatives of President Poroshenko and Ukraine, and that peace will return to Luhansk.



At the constituency office of MP Alexandrine Latendresse (Louis-Saint-Laurent, Quebec). L to R back row: Jean-Francois Tessier (assistant to MP Alexandrine Latendresse), Mochira Attlah (assistant to MP Alexandrine Latendresse, constituency office), Myriam Pineault-Latreille (assistant to MP Alexandrine Latendresse), Olexii Kovalenko (CUPP 2014), volunteer Abdalah. L to R front row: Marilyne Gagne (Quebec section coordinator), Alexandrine Latendresse (MP, Louis-Saint-Laurent, Quebec), Anna Urukova (CUPP 2014).



CUPP 2014 interns at the Viche in Montreal, 26.09.2014. L to R front row: Olga Osypchuk, Petro Kocherhan, Viktoriia Zalozna. L to R back row: Natasha Maslennikova, Daria Pankratova.



CUPP 2014 and MLP 2014 Interns at the meeting with the Minister of Employment and Social Development and Minister for Multiculturalism Jason Kenney (in the middle).



CUPP 2014 interns the Viche in Montreal (26.09.2014)ю In front L to R: Daria Pankratova, Natasha Maslennikova, Oksana Gerych (host of Viche in Montreal, Ukrainian Organization of Newly Arrived immigrants in Montreal "Zustrich"), Anna Urukova, Viktoriia Zalozna, Petro Kocherhan, Olexii Kovalenko.



At the premiere of the "Elephant Song" movie. L to R: visitor of the event; Shelly Glover (Minister of Canadian heritage and official languages), Anna Urukova (CUPP 2014), Senator Don Meredith (Ontario, Conservative party of Canada).



CUPP 2014 Interns at the premiere of the "Elephant Song" movie. L to R: Khrystyna Oliarnyk, Arsen Yevchuk, Anna Urukova, Maksym Popovych, Lia Helska, Oleh Naumenko, Viktoriia Zalozna, Varvara Shmygalova, Andrii Sorohan, Denys Zboroshenko.

Prologue

My office has a great opportunity to share the personal experience of someone who was there in Kyiv during the recent violent events that occurred during Euromaidan. Our Ukrainian intern, Varvara Shmygalova, presents a first-hand view of those tense days and her and her family's personal involvement. I think that you will be moved and educated by it. – Laurie Hawn, PC, CD, MP

"My Personal Experience of Maydan"

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Psychologists say that there is a need to talk about your trauma in order to bring oneself to accept it, and to overcome it. The current events in Ukraine are definitely a trauma for thousands of people whose relatives, friends, loved ones were injured, tortured, disabled, or died during the Maydan Revolution of Dignity, or in the invasion by Russia of Eastern Ukraine and resulting war. I do not have the intention nor right to speak on behalf of the entire nation. But I will share with you my personal experience and observations.

Several days after arriving in Canada, I had a chance to talk to a Ukraine diaspora representative and he expressed an opinion that the war of 2014 with Russia is the best thing that could have happened to Ukraine since independence. At first this sounded completely ridiculous for me: How could an invasion of my country and the war it has brought be a good thing? And then I understood that this war has acted as a unifying force, which historians will refer to as the moment of the formation of the modern Ukrainian nation-state – young, fresh, open to the changes, unblemished by Soviet mentality, and born free.

Surely, each participant of the events of autumn 2013 and spring 2014 has her own experience and story. For me it is an ongoing process of understanding who I am and what I am here for. I am Ukrainian and proud of it.

After the Government of Viktor Yanukovych refused to sign the Association Agreement with the EU I felt disappointed and angry because of my inability to somehow influence our future. I understood that my vision of the future of my country, my family and myself, had been destroyed by the will of Mr. Yanukovych and Mr. Putin. The hardest thing was to stay passive; I needed to do something, however miniscule, to voice my disappointment. Anything. I learned from my university friends that there would be a march in support of signing the EU Association Agreement. I knew that I had to participate. We were walking from our university to Independence Square and singing the Ukrainian anthem. We carried our flags proudly. I desperately wanted to have a voice in the decisions, which determined my future life. I could not accept the role of an obedient animal, being led on a leash by its master. I wanted to demonstrate my disagreement. And there were plenty

of young people, who shared such beliefs. That is how the students' protest started.

As a student of political science, truthfully, I did not believe that our protest would change anything in Ukrainian foreign policy. But I felt that somehow it might lead to changes in my mindset and in my attitude toward my surroundings. It was a small, calm, peaceful protest. But everything changed after November 30th.

Nobody expected such violence and deep hatred towards unarmed students. The authorities seemed determined to prevent us from coming onto the streets forever. To teach us a lesson, and what happens to "rebellious slaves". But Yanukovych made a huge mistake because he must have believed that Ukrainians are the same as Russians. We are not! Now it is clear to the whole world that we will not give in to dictatorship and violence.

The next day people crowded the streets of Kyiv – they were coming to the National Assembly (council). I have never seen so many people assembled in one central place before, even when

my parents took me to Independence Square during the Orange revolution. This day I understood that there is hope for the Ukrainian nation and for myself personally.

It is impossible to fully describe the days of the most difficult and determining half year of my life, but I will recall the most remarkable of these days. There were two extremely scary and painful days for me. The first is the day when Special Forces "Berkut" performed their "cleansing" of Maydan. They were supposed to "destroy" and remove from Independence Square everything except the buildings. Their targets were the people, who decided to stay there. My dad was there on the side of protestors (obviously). That night I wasn't sure if he would come back home ever again. Fortunately, he did. He was injured in the leg but luckily not severely and we were able to deal with those wounds at home, at the time it was unsafe to go to the hospital. He received chemical burns to his lungs because of the toxic gas, which Special Forces used on the protestors, instead of tear gas. Almost everybody, who was at the square that night or on other nights, when clashes with the police occurred, faced the same chemical burn injuries.

The second day is January 20, 2014, or "Black Thursday", when almost a hundred people were shot and killed on Independence Square, which now was renamed Maydan. Innocent, unarmed people, who were fighting for their freedom with wooden shields in their hands. They were murdered in the very heart of the capital. That was

a shock for me. For the first couple of hours I refused to believe that it could be true. But then, as each new body was covered by white blanket, I came to understand that it was not a common protest anymore and that everybody, who remained alive, including me, could not forget and forgive and had to get rid of the Yanukhovich regime. And try to rebuild a free Ukraine. That day was so awful, that I was unable to cry – the pain was beyond my ability to feel. We called those who were killed "Heaven's Hundred" and believe that they continue to protect us from the heavens.

In contrast there were two brighter days. The first was remarkable personally for me – it was an ordinary weekend on Maydan in the middle of January. I was volunteering as a clothing sorter and a part of my duties was to distribute the items of clothing to those who needed them. That day I saw so many bright, positive, smiling faces of people, who stood for the weeks in the streets during the bitterly cold winter, when the temperature dipped to below twenty degrees. People of different age, gender, origin, and wealth, who were united and determined in their aim to fight for dignity and for a better future for their country. These were not just dissatisfied individuals, who complained during the years after the collapse of the Soviet Union; this was a united society united by a common purpose. That day I became convinced that together we can overcome any obstacle and succeed.

Another bright day, which

stands out is the inauguration of the newly elected President, Petro Poroshenko. Because for me that was both the complete end of the Yanukhovich regime and a demonstration of Ukraine's unity. That was the beginning of a new chapter of Ukrainian history, a first step on the way to freedom and prosperity. But it is important to understand that there are so many things to be done before we achieve our goals. Thus we do not have the time to relax. We, Ukrainians, owe our freedom to those, who died on Maydan, who were tortured to death, and are still dying in the war with Russia in Luhansk and Donetsk. We must not betray them.

In summary, being here, in Canada, in its heart – Ottawa, I feel the strong support of ordinary Canadians every day. I am very happy to have a chance to help my country from here and I appreciate an opportunity to share my experience, which, hopefully, would help to look at the Ukrainian Revolution of Dignity, not just from the geopolitical perspective, but also as a human saga witnessed and participated in by thousands of Ukrainians, each with a personal story of tragedy and suffering and perseverance and ultimate victory over a ruthless and murderous regime. I was honored to attend the address to the Canadian Parliament of President Poroshenko and I am sincerely grateful for the dedication of Canadian people to the principles of justice, human rights and freedom and their much-appreciated support for the Ukrainian people.

Thank you!

Epilogue

I had the pleasure of being in Kyiv with Prime Minister and Mrs. Harper and five colleagues on the day that President Poroshenko was inaugurated as the new President of Ukraine. While the Prime Minister attended the actual inauguration, the rest of us had briefings by Canadian officials and a walking tour of Kiev. We were accompanied by a few folks with wires in their ears and carrying sports

bags that we were pretty sure didn't contain tennis racquets. The barricades were still up and the evidence of burned cars and buildings was everywhere. What was also everywhere were signs of resilient and proud Ukrainians getting on with life. There were weddings at the churches; and the street vendors were out in full force, their spirit apparently undiminished. It was inspiring and made me proud of Canada's role in standing up for Ukraine.

Господи, благослови Україну! Многая літа! Господи, благослови Україну! Многая літа!
 – Hon. Laurie Hawn, PC, CD, Member of Parliament for Edmonton Centre

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At the constituency office of MP Alexandrine Latendresse (Louis-Saint-Laurent, Quebec). Anna Urukova (CUPP 2014; MP Eve Pelet, La Pointe-de-l'Ole, Quebec).



At the Viche in Montreal (26.09.2014) Olexii Kovalenko (CUPP 2014, MP Raymond Cote, Beauport-Limoilou, Quebec) representing Canada-Ukraine Parliamentary Program.



CUPP 2014 interns on the Parliament Hill. L to R: Vasylysa Sheinina, Anna Urukova.



CUPP 2014 interns In Montreal. L to R: Anna Urukova, Natasha Maslennikova, David Chamberland (assistant to MP Raymond Cote, Beauport—Limoilou, Quebec), Olexii Kovalenko.



CUPP 2014 interns In Montreal. L to R: Natasha Maslennikova, Olexii Kovalenko, Anna Urukova.

"Okean Elzy" Concert in Montreal



*Okean Elzy Concert in Montreal.
Oksana Huss.*



*Okean Elzy Concert in Montreal.
Monika Otasoviie.*



*Okean Elzy Concert in Montreal.
Petro Zalizniak.*



Having fun in the bus to Montreal.



*Maksym Popovych, Iryna Dobrohorska,
Oleksandra Karabilo.*



Okean Elzy Concert in Montreal. L to R: Lucy Hicks, Monika Otasoviie, Katya Brusentsova, Ihor Bardyn, Oksana Huss.



Okean Elzy Concert In Montreal. L to R: Andrii Sorohan, Lucy Hicks, Svyatoslav Vokarchuk, Ihor Bardyn, Khrystyna Oliarnyk.



Okean Elzy Concert in Montreal. L to R: Klavdia Tatar, Maksym Synytsya, Pavlo Sorokin, Lyenyera Myemyetova, Liliya Shmyhelska, Denys Samoilenko, Denys Zboroshenko, Oleh Naumenko, Monica Otasoviie, Anna Melenchuk.



Lyenyera Myemyetova, Andrii Sorohan, Petro Kocherhan, Oleh Naumenko, Olga Karkhanina, Pavlo Sorokin, Denys Samoilenko, Nataliia Maslennykova, Petro Zalizniak.



Oksana Huss, Denys Samoilenko, Monika Otasoviie.



Tsezarii Zhydetskyi, Khrystyna Oliarnyk, Artem Shaipov, Oleksii Kovalenko, Varvara Shmygaleva, Arsen Yevchuk, Klavdia Tatar, Kateryna Brusentsova, Denys Samoilenko, Denys Zboroshenko, Oleh Naumenko, Monica Otasovie, Anna Melenchuk, Olha Osyphuk, Iryna Dobrohorska, Daria Pankratova, Anna Urukova, Maksym Synytsya, Pavlo Sorokin, Lyenyera Myemyetova, Liliya Shmyhelska, Maksym Popovych.



*Okean Elzy Concert.
L to R: Varvara Shmygalova, Anna Urukova.*



*Okean Elzy Concert.
L to R: Monika Otasoviie, Oksana Huss, Anna Urukova.*



*L to R: Anna Urukova and Varvara Shmygalova
before the OE concert in Montreal.*



*CUPP Intern 2014 Anna Urukova (in the middle) with
Horokh family, which hosted Sviatoslav Vakarchuk during
his first trip to Canada, at the OE concert in Montreal.*



CUPP Interns with Sviatoslav Vakarchuk before OE concert in Montreal.



*Okean Elzy Concert.
Varvara Shmygalova.*



CUPP Intern 2014 with director Ihor Bardyn before the OE concert in Montreal.



*Anna Urukova, CUPP Intern 2014) before
the OE concert in Montreal.*



*CUPP Intern 2014 in Montreal. L to R: Varvara Shmygalova, Petro Zalizniak,
Artem Shaipov, Andrii Sorohan, Olexii Kovalenko, Vasylysa Sheinina.*



*CUPP Interns 2014 at the Ukrainian embassy in Ottawa
with Ambassador Vadym Prystaiko (on the left)
and Counselor Marko Shevchenko (on the right).*



*Ambassador of Ukraine to Canada Mr.
Vadym Prystaiko at the meeting with CUPP
Interns 2014 at the Embassy of Ukraine in
Ottawa.*



CUPP Interns 2014 in Gatineau park. L to R: Natasha Maslennikova, Masha Korolenko, Varvara Shmygalova and Anna Urukova.



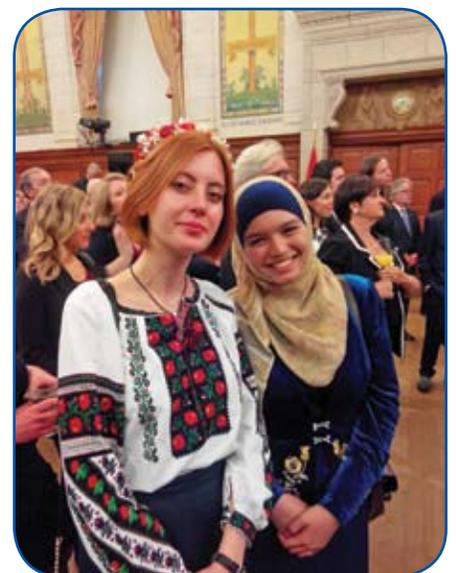
Anna Urukova (on the left) and Varvara Shmygalova (on the right) in Gatineau park.



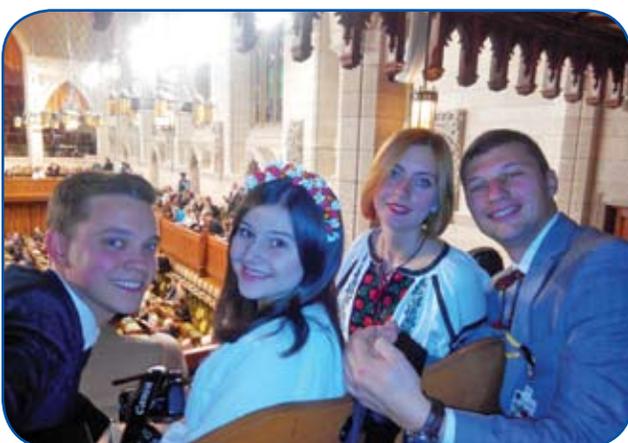
On the board of Air Canada – flight from Frankfurt, Germany, to Ottawa. L to R: Pavel Sorokin and Maxym Synytsya.



L to R: Tsezarii Zhydetskyi and Oleg Naumenko at the Central American reception.



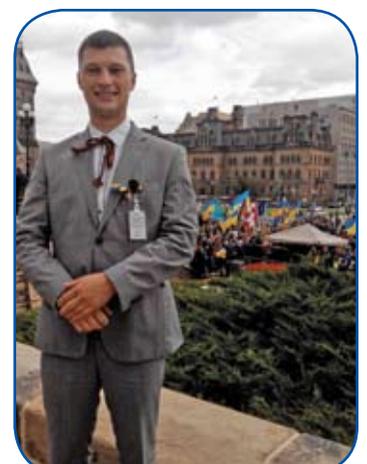
L to R: Varvara Shmygalova and Lyenyera Myemyetova at the Ukrainian reception before the President's speech in The House of Commons.



L to R: Pavel Sorokin, Iryna Dobrohorska, Varvara Shmygalova and Tsezarii Zhydetskyi in The House of Commons during the President's speech.



Iryna Dobrohorska near Parliament during the President's speech.



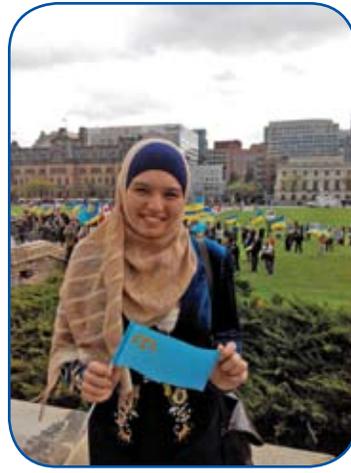
Tsezarii Zhydetskyi near Parliament during the President's speech.



Pavel Sorokin near Parliament during the President's speech.



Varvara Shmygalova near Parliament during the President's speech.



Lyenyera Myemyetova near Parliament during the President's speech.



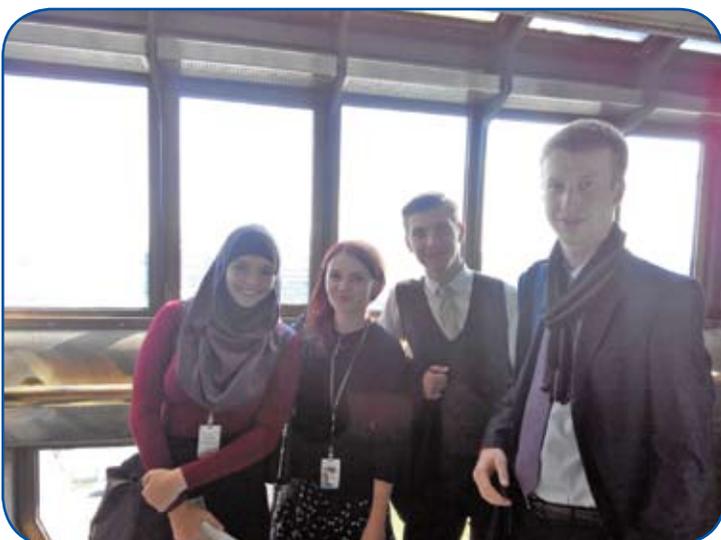
Anna Melenchuk at work during the Clean energy and industry.



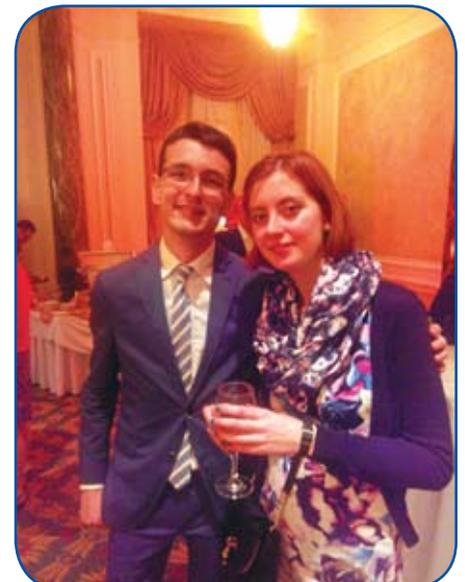
During the President's speech on the Parliament stairs. Tsezarii Zhydetskyi, Varvara Shmygalova, Pavel Sorokin, Lyenyera Myemyetova and Arsen Yevchuk.



Denys Zboroshenko at the reception after presentation of "The Elephant song" at the National Arts Centre.



Lyenyera Myemyetova, Viktoriia Zalozna, Petro Kocherhan and Denys Zboroshenko on the Peace Tower (Centre Block).



Oleh Naumenko and Varvara Shmygalova.

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Pro-Putin Demonstration in Ottawa, October 11, 2014



Ukrainian Day on Parliament Hill 2014

On **October 30th** the Interns of the Canada-Ukraine Parliamentary Program were joined by the Interns of the Laurentian Leadership Program for an inter-faith ecumenical service at the Eternal Flame on Parliament Hill.

The Prayer for Peace in Ukraine and Throughout the World was the opening event of **UKRAINIAN Day on PARLIAMENT HILL 2014**. The Interns were joined by representatives of the Christian, Judaic, and Islamic faiths together with Members of Parliament, to offer a prayer for peace.

Those offering prayers and readings were Vasylysa Sheinina a CUPP Intern from Israel who presided over the gathering, Lyenyera Myemyetova a CUPP Intern from Crimea, Kojo Almasi a Laurentian Leadership Program Intern, Abdul Rashid Co-Chair of the Capital Re-

gion Interfaith Council, Chayim Boyarsky of the Chabad Student Network University of Ottawa; Dr. Brian Butcher of the Sheptytsky Institute of Saint Paul University, Rev. Ihor Okhrymchouk of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Ukrainian Orthodox Church, Rev. Dr. Scott Kindred-Barnes, Minister of First Baptist Church, Ottawa and from the Mennonite Community Vern Neufeld Redecop who closed out the Prayer for Peace with a Reflection. In his closing remarks he said; *May Ukraine become a context for the creative coming together of the Slavic East and the European West, integrating the rich cultures of the Mediterranean region to which it is connect through the waters of the Black Sea. May relational justice flow through its veins and may it prosper in a way that benefits all its peoples.*

The Prayer for Peace was the

only public gathering permitted on Parliament Hill since the killing of Corporal Nathan Cirillo and the attack on Parliament on October 22, 2014.

Vern Neufeld Redecop called the Prayer for Peace a most poignant and meaningful gathering, which took place on a sunny but windy day in the capital of Canada. As president Poroshenko stated, "Canada is the most Ukrainian country outside of Ukraine."

The Canada-Ukraine Parliamentary Program (CUPP) Interns who came from universities in Belgium, Israel, Netherlands, Poland, Switzerland, United Kingdom and Ukraine dedicated the Prayer for Peace and the afternoon Support for Ukraine information session for Members of Parliament and Senators, to the people of Ukraine.







