

# Українські фулбрайтівці в США (2005–2006) Ukrainian Fulbrighters in the U.S. (2005–2006)

## **Tetiana Dyman**

Project Title:  
«Ecology of Nutrition»

Of the many problems facing contemporary Ukraine, none is more overwhelming than the general population health problem, which has reached crisis proportions. Ms. Dyman proposes to study American practices related to the field of nutrition, especially such aspects as food quality and safety issues, in which the U.S. is a world leader. Ms. Dyman has just become Head of the Ecotrophology Department at her home university, the first department of its kind in Ukraine entirely devoted to the study of nutrition complexities. Ms. Dyman expects to make her research available to Ukrainian government bodies currently embarking on creating a national nutrition policy.

## **Olena Etokova**

Project Title:  
«Democratic Principles of  
Corporate Governance in Globalizing  
the Economy»

The proposal addresses the need to improve the legal environment surrounding corporate governance and finance in Ukraine. This is a process which is only now underway after 14 years of independence. In particular, the proposed research will focus on U.S. legal and ethical principles of corporate governance and shareholder rights. The poorly developed mechanisms of anti-trust regulation for Ukrainian mergers and acquisitions are cited as an impetus for this study. Etokova hopes to study legislation as well as to interview regulators, professors, and corporate officers.

## **Serhiy Gorlyans'ky**

Project Title:  
«Comparative Analysis of  
Collective Bargaining in the  
United States and Ukraine»

This proposal addresses the need for further reform in Ukraine's trade unions through taking into account the best practices of the leading western democracies. Gorlyans'ky believes that U.S. labor relations are a better model for Ukraine than the European example because American labor-management relations have a history of general stability. In particular, Gorlyans'ky proposes to study and compare collective bargaining in the U.S. and Ukraine. The framework for labor negotiations and collective bargaining in the United States is a neglected topic in Ukraine, and more information could eventually lead to improvement in workers' rights while maintaining good labor-management relations. The U.S. model has generally promoted economic stability rather than nationwide labor stoppages as periodically occur in Europe.

## **Ernst Gyidel**

Project Title:  
«Whites and Secessionist Movements  
in Post-Imperial Space, 1918–1920»

This proposal addresses a topic that, strange as it might seem, has not yet been fully studied — the Russian revolution, especially on the non-Russian territories. With access to archival sources in the United States, especially the Bakhmeteff Archives and the Archives of the Ukrainian Free Academy of Sciences in New York, as well as those at the Hoover Institution and at the U.S. National Archives, Mr. Gyidel hopes to enhance the understanding of the critical period between the collapse of the Russian Empire and the creation of the USSR.

## **Oleksandr Irvanets**

Project Title:  
«Contemporary American Drama»

The Ukrainian theatre currently has a serious repertoire problem and is relatively isolated from developments in theatre in other parts of the world. Mr. Irvanets, who has published poetry and plays in Ukraine for the past two decades and worked with various directors and productions, proposes to study contemporary American dramatic texts and to translate a number of them, with a view to creating an anthology that will be of practical use for both academia and the Ukrainian theatre.

- Oleksandra Kravets** Ms. Kravets is a researcher in the field of radionuclide pollution, but during the Soviet period her area of research was considered politically sensitive, so she was unable to begin establishing scholarly contacts until after independence. Her research intersects with that of U.S. investigators in related fields, and particularly with work done at the University of Georgia. Methods for monitoring and measuring the migration of radionuclides into the human organism are of particular interest in the country in which Chernobyl is situated. Using American technology, Ms. Kravets proposes to develop a new method of computation based on interconnected mathematical models. She expects her contacts with US scholars to benefit research in both countries.
- Project Title:  
«Exposure Dose Reconstruction for Nuclear Cycle Influence Zones»
- Taras Luchuk** At present, Ukrainian universities do not offer creative writing programs despite the fact that Ukrainian students are traditionally fervent writers. Mr. Luchuk, a writer, editor, and scholar with a record of publication and teaching in the field of writing, proposes to research creative writing programs in the US to learn how such programs help young writers organize their time and become more efficient and professional writers. Combining theoretical and practical goals, he aims ultimately to implement a creative writing program at his home university which could then become a model for other Ukrainian institutions.
- Project Title:  
«Teaching Creative Writing»
- Tetyana Mykhed** The project aims to analyze the Puritan foundation of the American consciousness and its influence on modern American literature. In addition, the scholar proposes to study fundamental Ukrainian and American spiritual concepts and paradigms to compare and contrast their roots in literature and culture. Ms. Mykhed believes that learning more about the foundations of American literature and spiritual concepts may provide insight into Ukrainian spiritual development and literary consciousness as Ukraine embarks on a more democratic future.
- Project Title:  
«Puritan Discourse of American Romantic Literature»
- Tetyana Myronenko** This proposal asserts that studying comparative literature teaches students to understand the world and other cultures, and educates them as independent creative thinking people open to new ideas and integrated into a world culture without boundaries. As Ukraine currently works toward integrating itself into the world education community, studying comparative literature can help change both the curriculum and the traditional formal way of lecturing in seminars where students remain passive listeners. Ms. Myronenko will investigate how comparative literature is taught in the US and will also prepare a course on comparative literature which, while rather common in the US, is rarely taught in Ukraine.
- Project Title:  
«US Literature at the End of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century»
- Nataliya Petrova** Legislation and enforcement of human rights in Ukraine is not yet well-developed and is especially vital for protection of freedom of the press. The proposal's objective is to learn more about the ACLU with the ultimate goal of uniting Ukrainian human rights organizations into a national organization or network to better protect individual liberties and civil rights. It is important to study an institution such as the ACLU in terms of its history, structure, management, human rights policies, and fund-raising and lobbying efforts to provide a foundation for forming a similar national organization in Ukraine. The candidate also hopes to learn more about the challenges and risks of ACLU work. She is a Ukrainian human rights lawyer who has defended the rights of Ukrainian journalists in several cases, and she has been active in trying to strengthen legislation to promote freedom of the press in Ukraine.
- Project Title:  
«Familiarization with the American Civil Liberties Union's (ACLU's) Work in the Fields of Individual Civil Rights Defense»
- Nina Polishchuk** Ms. Polishchuk is convinced that neopragmatic philosophy, albeit unknown in Ukraine, holds the key to understanding the cultural transformations currently happening in Ukraine. She believes elements of neopragmatism have concrete effects that are both intellectual and practical, even including methods of classroom teaching and deliberating through dialogue to develop philosophi-
- Project Title:  
«The Historicism of American Neopragmatism»

cal and political positions, and are therefore of critical importance for the socio-cultural life of Ukraine. Because the bulk of critical works addressing pragmatism in Ukraine are from a one-sided Marxist perspective, Ms. Polishchuk aims to make neo-pragmatism comprehensible for Ukrainian intellectuals and general readers by first studying it and then presenting it in its local historical environment, concentrating particularly on the works and biography of philosopher Richard Rorty.

**Victor Pylypenko**

Project Title:  
«Urban Anthropology»

The great majority of Ukrainians now live in cities and city culture has replaced peasant culture as the dominant force of Ukrainian cultural life, yet despite these facts urban anthropology is an entirely new concept in the Ukrainian academic setting. Mr. Pylypenko, a historian and ethnographer, has in recent years researched the city in its various contexts, and now plans on creating a course (along with a textbook to be used in it) on urban anthropology, the first of its kind in Ukraine. He proposes a multi-disciplinary approach to ensure that the resultant research and course will appeal to scholars and students specializing in various fields.

**Maryna Tsehelska**

Project Title:  
«Social and Political Aspects of  
Language Change in the USA»

This project involves studying the manner in which social and political trends affect language usage. Beginning with «political correctness» and expanding to a broader focus, Ms. Tsehelska wants to understand whether political correctness — both the promotion and criticism of it — have been purely politically motivated movements or whether language usage aimed at tolerance and mutual understanding is a predictable or necessary stage in the development of multicultural democratic societies. She wants to understand, further, the stages through which it has gone and its relation to the language policy of the state and to national mentality. Finally, she aims to prepare updated materials on current language usage in English for the benefit of Ukrainian students of English, particularly those planning careers in diplomacy, law, academia, and business.

**Serhiy Tsokolov**

Project Title:  
«Interdisciplinary Discourse  
on Life Sciences»

How to define bio-complexity and how to understand the transition within a system from one step to the next, such as from a non-living to a biological being, then to a cognitive-conscious being, then to a being within a social system, remain unsolved questions that need further investigation. With training in both biology and philosophy, Mr. Tsokolov brings a philosophical approach to questions which in American science have been usually studied separately. He has also been a conduit for Western philosophical thinking, particularly constructivism, into Eastern Europe. The goal of this project is to use both quantitative and qualitative criteria in an attempt to define life and to understand why evolution tends toward ever-increasing bio-complexity. He has been invited by the University of California at Santa Cruz to collaborate there on similar efforts to understand bio-complexity.

**Volodymyr Tytov**

Project Title:  
«Main Trends in the American  
Philosophy of Law»

This project proposes a systematic study of the history of U.S. legal philosophy from the late 19<sup>th</sup> century to the present. The aim is to analyze American legal thought as an important foundation for democratic thought and action. With a better understanding of trends in U.S. legal philosophy, Tytov believes, Ukraine will be able more easily to adapt legislation and legal procedures to its new democratic reality. With the newly elected administration and a more open process of legislation, this need takes on added significance. Tytov is a senior professor of law and chair of the Department of Logic in Yaroslav the Wise National Law Academy in Kharkhiv.

**Vira Vovk**

Project Title: «Transatlantic  
Solidarity and Foreign Policy  
Strategy of Ukraine»

This project examines the shape of Ukrainian foreign policy within the context of transatlantic cooperation. The candidate is a researcher at Ukraine's Institute of International Relations and has been working on the development of Ukrainian foreign policy for almost a decade. Her previous work addressed issues of Ukraine's integration into the European community, with a focus on the French view of European security.

**Anatoliy Yefymenko**

Project Title:  
«US Regulation  
of Joint Stock Companies»

Mr. Yefymenko proposes to study U.S. legislation regulating joint stock companies' activities and securities circulation. Mr. Yefymenko argues that the lack of strong management in this area in Ukraine has exacted a severe toll on Ukraine's economy, the well-being of its population, and Ukraine's place in the world. With a concern for how heavy-handed corporate activity ultimately affects non-economic spheres of Ukraine's existence, this project also aims to raise social consciousness. Mr. Yefymenko, who has already studied and published on similar legislation in the EU, Armenia, Russia, Kazakhstan, and Germany, has been invited by the University of Delaware to conduct his research on the U.S. experience at its Institute for Corporate Governance.

**Olena Zavyalova**

Project Title:  
«Efficiency of Cross-Border Mergers  
and Acquisitions: American Practice,  
Lessons for Ukraine»

This candidate intends to research U.S. cross-border mergers with the belief that such information will be useful in two important spheres: designing economic policy recommendations regarding foreign takeovers in Ukraine, and informing the Ukrainian business community of the U.S. experience as they enter into international acquisitions in the future. She believes that the American experience will be useful to Ukrainian firms who are engaged in international direct investment. Zavyalova is active in several organizations that engage in economic education.

