

Ukrainian Canadian Research & Documentation Centre

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*Centre Ukraino-Canadien de Recherche
et de Documentation*



40 Years of Preserving the Past for Future Generations

40 років зберігаємо минуле для майбутніх поколінь

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

In 2022, the Ukrainian Canadian Research and Documentation Centre (UCRDC) celebrated its 40th Anniversary. For the past 40 years, the UCRDC has consistently worked to implement its mission of "Preserving the Past for Future Generations" by expanding oral history projects, creating exhibits, holding webinars and publishing materials of interest to the Ukrainian Canadian community and beyond. The UCRDC has served as a reliable source of information for academics, students, filmmakers, journalists and all persons interested in Ukraine and Ukrainian-Canadians. The list of UCRDC completed and ongoing projects is lengthy and diverse, demonstrating the success of the UCRDC as an organization for 40 years. The efforts of the UCRDC Board of Directors, volunteers and administrators, some of whom have been active since 1982, are directly responsible for the organization's continued relevance and viability.

The challenges of the pandemic did not deter the work of the UCRDC in 2020 – 2022. Inter alia, the UCRDC held a virtual premiere of the film "A Canadian War Story," arranged several webinars, "The Women of Ravensbruck" in English and Ukrainian, "The Mennonite Holodomor Project: It's Complicated" and created an exhibit documenting the experiences of displaced Ukrainians following World War 2. In 2021, the UCRDC added a folk song project – "FOLK – UKRAINE.com," to its website. In 2022 the English version of the "Extraordinary Lives of Ukrainian Canadian Women" was presented at a book launch. The UCRDC has partnered with other organizations on joint projects, such as the Holodomor Research and Education Consortium (HREC) and the Ukrainian World Congress (UWC). The war in Ukraine intensified the work of the UCRDC. This global event heightened the need for the UCRDC to begin to document contemporary history, as the war in Ukraine had an immediate, wide-ranging impact throughout Canada. A recently created UCRDC project, "Canada Reacts," intends to document Canada's multifaceted response to the war in Ukraine.

As the UCRDC enters its fifth decade of research and documentation, the future work of the UCRDC will continue to grow and evolve. Congratulations and Happy 40th Anniversary to the UCRDC, its Board of Directors, volunteers, sponsors and supporters. To many more years of researching, documenting and understanding the history of Ukrainian Canadians!

Mnohaya Lita!

Iryna Revutsky
President and Chair
UCRDC



OUR VISION

Chronicling and giving voice to the Ukrainian Canadian experience in a global context.

OUR MISSION

To acquire, preserve, and make available oral testimony, as well as related documentary, audio-visual, and other materials related to Ukrainian Canadians and their heritage.

To educate and inform the wider public about Ukrainian Canadians, their heritage and their experience through research leading to publications, films, presentations, exhibits, etc.

OUR VALUES

Collaboration – Create an open, inclusive work environment that is built on respect, communication, integrity, and collaborative teamwork.

Innovation – Encourage creativity and invest in innovation to build the future of UCRDC.

Learning – Pursue excellence through continuous learning and become smarter about what we know and do in service to others.

Educating – Through publications, films and other media, give life to archival materials to reveal the Ukrainian Canadian experience.

Stewardship – Ensure the preservation of the materials that reflect and inform the Ukrainian Canadian experience.

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Bozhena Gembatiuk
Office Administrator since 2008.

OUR HISTORY

In April of 1982, various prominent Ukrainian-Canadians based in Toronto came together to establish the Ukrainian Famine Research Committee (UFRC) in order to commemorate the upcoming 50th anniversary of the Holodomor. The Committee consisted of seven original members: Jurij Darewych, Wasyl Janischewskij, William Kereliuk, Nicholas Kushpeta, Bohdan Onyschuk, Peter Smylski, and Ostap Wynnyckyj. They decided to produce an English-language documentary film about the Holodomor. The Committee collected personal accounts from survivors and eyewitnesses of the famine living in Canada, the USA, and Western Europe, collaborating with numerous scholars already researching the Holodomor. Using the collected material, UFRC produced the film "Harvest of Despair," which premiered in Toronto in 1984. The film was well-received and screened at numerous film festivals, winning awards in New York, Columbus, Houston, Oakland, and other cities. A number of TV channels in Canada, the USA, the UK, Australia and other Western countries showed the film. Later versions were also produced in French, Spanish and Ukrainian languages.

During the production of "Harvest of Despair," an extensive collection of film footage, audio tapes, and textual documents was compiled. Not all of it was suitable nor used for the film, but the research proved invaluable. Thus, in 1986 the Committee incorporated as the Ukrainian Famine Research Centre and in 1989 changed its name to Ukrainian Canadian Research & Documentation Centre (UCRDC). An official archive was established, with Iroida Wynnyckyj as the head archivist. While continuing to encompass work on the Holodomor, the scope of research at the Centre was broadened to include the collection of archival material about Ukrainians in Canada, Ukrainians during WWII, displaced persons camps in post-World War II Europe, and other important topics.

In the following years, the UCRDC continued to produce and support the production of documentary films. In 1994, UCRDC assisted with the production of Yuriy Luhovy's film "Freedom Had a Price," a film about the internment of Ukrainian immigrants in Canada during WWII which premiered in 1994. In 2003 a new UCRDC film "Between Hitler and Stalin," directed by Slavko Novytski, recounts the events of WWII from a Ukrainian perspective. Most recently, in 2020, the Centre produced "A CANADIAN WAR STORY" by John Paskievich, which pays dramatic tribute to the Ukrainian Canadian military personnel who contributed to the Allied victory in WWII.

Over the years, the UCRDC developed an archive of oral history and other documentation that has been continuously used by various researchers and educators. It has hosted prominent scholars like Volodymyr Maniak, Anne Applebaum, Norman Davies, and many others. The UCRDC has played a prominent role in Canada in educating about Ukrainian history, Ukrainians in Canada, and the Holodomor, hosting workshops and talks for visiting students of all levels and ages. The Centre has sponsored and helped publish numerous research books, prepare visual exhibits, hold research conferences and lectures, and host book presentations and film screenings.

The work undertaken by UCRDC has received recognition and accolades from individuals, academic organizations and government institutions in Canada, Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Ukraine, the United States, and other countries. After 40 years, the Ukrainian Canadian Research & Documentation Centre remains one of Canada's primary sources of research material on various topics in Ukrainian history.

FOUNDING MEMBERS

Jurij Darewych
Wasył Janischewskij †
William Kereliuk †
Nicholas Kushpeta †
Bohdan Onyschuk
Peter Smylski †
Ostap Wynnyckyj †

PAST BOARD MEMBERS

Wasył Janischewskij: 1982–2011 †
William Kereliuk: 1982–1996 †
Nicholas Kushpeta: 1982–1994 †
Peter Smylski: 1982–2002 †
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Myroslaw Iwanek: 2011–2017
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Raya Shadursky: 2013–2015
Chrystia Kolos: 2015–2022
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John Pidkowich: 2016–2022
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PAST PRESIDENTS

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Wsevolod Isajiw: 2003–2012
Jurij Darewych: 2012–2017
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1989: Peter Smylski, Wasył Janischewskij, William Kereliuk



1989: Nicholas Kushpeta



1991: Orest Subtelny



1991: Ostap Wynnyckyj



2012: Bozhena Gembatiuk, Andrij Makuch



2006: Oleh Romanyschyn, Oksana Zakydalsky, Nicholas Derzko, Bohdan Myndiuk, Orest Zakydalsky, Andrij Makuch, Iroida Wynnyckyj, Zenon Potoczny, Nadia Skop, Wasył Janischewskij (from left to right).



1991: Iroida Wynnyckyj (left) and Nestor Mykytyn (center) during an interview.



1994: Nadia Skop



1989: Wasył Janischewskij and Roksolana Slywynska



1995: Andrew Gregorovich

40 YEARS OF UCRDC

HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHTS

1982-87: Beginnings of the Ukrainian Famine Research Committee to the establishment of the Ukrainian Famine Research Centre

April 1982: Creation of the Ukrainian Famine Research Committee at St.Vladimir Institute.



October 21, 1984: Film Premiere of 'Harvest of Despair,' a documentary film by Slavko Novytski and Yurij Luhovy, held at the Medical Sciences Building Auditorium of the University of Toronto.



"Harvest of Despair"
UFRDC Documentary Film



"Harvest of Despair" Awards



1985: "Harvest of Despair" wins first prize at the Houston International Festival, first prize at the Film Festival of Educational Films in Oakland, California, first prize and gold medal at the International Film and T.V. Festival of New York, the Christ Statuette Award at the Columbus International Film Festival, as well as other awards and recognition. First photo (New York): Bohdan Onyschuk (right). Second photo (Columbus): Wsevolod Isajiw (left). Third photo (Houston): Bohdan Onyschuk (right).



November 1985: Ukrainian Famine Research Committee meets with patron donors of the film as well as members of the Ukrainian press to display trophies, prizes, and other forms of recognition that have been awarded to the film "Harvest of Despair." From left to right: Jurij Darewych, Ostap Wynnyckyj, William Kereliuk, Wasyl Janischewskij, Bohdan Onyschuk, Wsevolod Isajiw, Nicholas Kushpeta.



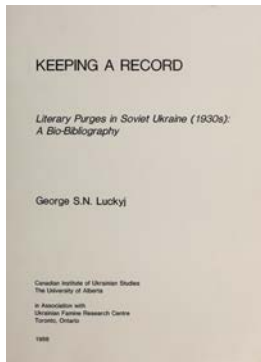
January 1986: Ukrainian Famine Research Committee wins Ukrainian of the Year Award from the Ukrainian Canadian Committee for the production of the documentary film "Harvest of Despair". President Wasyl Janischewskij (left).



1986-87: Research Team (S.Webber, W.Isajiw, I.Wynnyckyj.)

August 1986: Incorporated as the Ukrainian Famine Research Centre (UFRDC). President - Wasyl Janischewskij. Holodomor archive established.

1988-92: Early Years of Ukrainian Canadian Research & Documentation Centre



1988: First UFRC publication "Keeping a Record - Literary Purges in Soviet Ukraine" by George S.N. Luckyj.



1989: Nestor Mykytyn and Iroida Wynnckyj at the archives.



April 1989: Lida Palij interviewing Dr. Peter Smylsky.

August 1989: Prof. Petro Potichnyj and Bohdan Batrukh record interviews with renown Ukrainians about their experiences during WWII as well as with 6 Dutch officers who were rescued from the Germans by the Ukrainian Insurgent Army in 1944. Interviews are part of UCRDC's Oral History Collection.

October 1989: The UFRC name changed to Ukrainian Canadian Research & Documentation Centre (UCRDC).



April 1990: Opening of the new UCRDC premises on the 2nd floor of St. Vladimir Institute.



September 1990: 'International Holodomor Conference New Research Findings: Famine in Ukraine' held at the University of Toronto.



October 1990: Viacheslav Chornovil visit to UCRDC.



September 1990: James Mace, Volodymyr Maniak and Sally J. Taylor speaking at the 'International Holodomor Conference New Research Findings: Famine in Ukraine.'



May 1991: "Home Away From Home" exhibit in honour of 100 years of Ukrainian Settlement in Canada.



March 1992: Iroida Wynnckyj showing the exhibit at UCRDC to students.

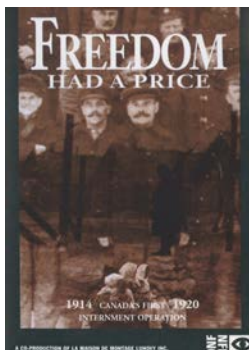


1992: "ГОЛОД 1921-1923 і УКРАЇНСКА ПРЕСА В КАНАДІ" a UCRDC publication by Roman Serbyn.

1993-2002: New Films, Exhibits and Conferences



November 1993: HoloDomoR exhibit at the World Congress of Free Ukrainians by UCRDC.



'Freedom Had a Price' (1994)



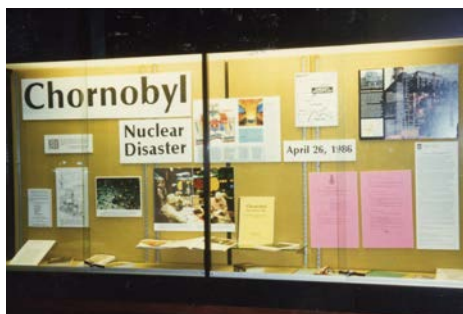
May 1994: Premiere of "Freedom Had a Price" at the St. Lawrence Centre for the Arts in Toronto. Film by Yurij Luhovy (left).



"Memories from Mittenwald" (1994)
UCRDC Documentary Film



September 1995: Opening of 'The Barbed Wire Solution' exhibit held at Metro Hall in Toronto.
Project manager Switlana Medwidsky (left) and Iroida Wynnyckyj (right).



April 1996: "Chornobyl" exhibit at the University of Toronto Robarts Library. Curator Andrew Gregorovich.



March 1997: Lecture "The Oral History of Ukrainian Independence" by Sara Sievers (middle). Wasyl Janischewskij (left) and Orest Subtelny (right).



April 1997: Lectures by Frank Sysyn (left), Zenon Kohut (middle), Yaroslav Hrytsak (right), and Ihor Shevchenko (not in photo).

March 1998: Jubilee conference in recognition of the 35th anniversary of Ukrainskij Istoryk (1963-1998). With the Ukrainian Historical Society.

May 1999: Conference "Ukrainian Scholarly Institutions in the Diaspora." With the Ukrainian World Congress-Scientific Council and five other Ukrainian organizations.

November 1999: Jubilee conference in recognition of the 100th birthday of Oleksander Ohlobyn. Held with five other Ukrainian organizations.



April 2000: Book launch of "На Межовій Землі" by Oksana Bashuk-Hepburn (center). With the "Zakerzonnia" Society.



November 2001: Conference "Metropolitan Andrey Sheptytsky: A Current Overview." With the Shevchenko Scientific Society (Canada) and CIUS.



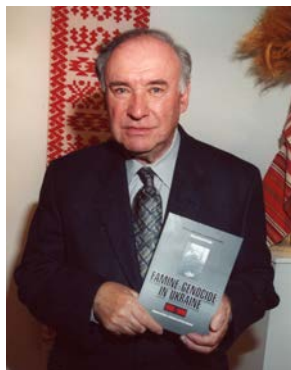
October 2002: Exhibit Opening "Ukrainian Insurgent Army (UPA)." Wasyl Janischewskij (left), Iroida Wynnyckyj (center), Kateryna Yushchenko (right).

2003-2007: New Leadership and Continuing Success

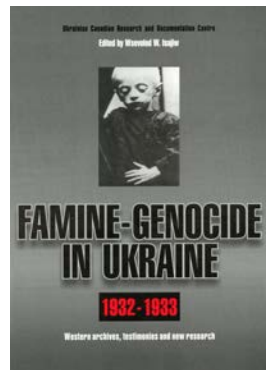
2003: Wsevolod Isajiw elected as the new president of UCRDC.



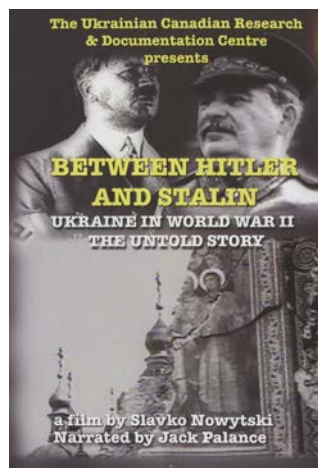
February 2003: Major Archbishop Lubomyr Husar visit to UCRDC.



June 2003: Book launch "Famine-Genocide in Ukraine 1932-33: Western Archives, Testimonies and New Research" by Wsevolod Isajiw.



December 2003: Yulia Tymoshenko visit to UCRDC.



"Between Hitler and Stalin, Ukraine in World War II, the Untold Story" (2003) UCRDC Documentary Film



September 2003: Premiere of "Between Hitler and Stalin – Ukraine in World War II – the Untold Story" in Toronto, Ontario.



October 2003: Norman Davies (history expert) in "Between Hitler and Stalin" at UCRDC.



October 2004: Lecture "Український Голокост 1932-1933 очима свідків" by Dr. Yuri Mytsyk, Kyiv Mohyla Academy University.



February 2005: Lecture about the Dnipropetrovsk School of Ukrainian History and other topics by Viktor Brekhunenko.



April 2005: Lecture "Жива Історія: Українська Жінка і Соціальні Катаклізми ХХ Століття" by Natalia Fedorovych, University of Lviv.



June 2006: Abina Dann (Canadian Ambassador to Ukraine) visit to UCRDC.



October 2006 – Iryna Matiash (Ukrainian Archives Director) visit. With Andriy Makuch.



November 2007: Lecture on Holodomor by Iroida Wynnukyj to Tsiopa Palijiv School students.

November 2007: Conference "The Holodomor of 1932-33: A 75th Anniversary Conference on the Ukrainian Famine-Genocide." With the Canadian Institute of Ukrainian Studies and the Petro Jacyk Program for the Study of Ukraine held at the Munk Centre for International Studies, University of Toronto.

2008-2012: Growth and Collecting Oral History

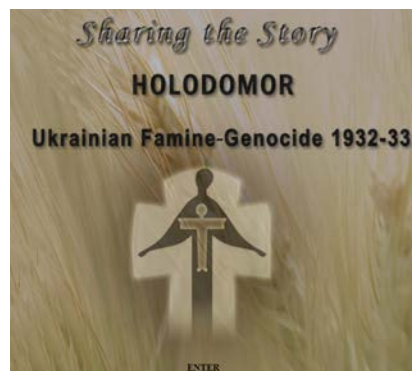


May 2008: Book release "Ukrainian Holocaust, 5th Volume" by Iroida Wynnykuj and Mykola Chaban.



July 2008: Holodomor Survivors Oral History Project interview process begins. (Photo from interview: Orest Zakydalsky, Nadia Tkachenko, Ariadna Ochrymovych.)

October 2008: UCRDC Open Doors Day in honour "75-их роковин Голодомору-Геноциду." Opening of exhibit, release of 5th Volume of "Український Голокост," presentation about UCRDC's contribution to "Книги Пам'яті," and showing of a film about the Holodomor.



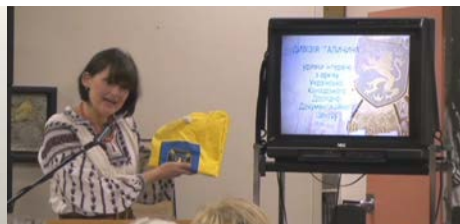
November 2008: Sharing the Story website launched on the Holodomor. Project organized by UCC, UWC, and UCRDC.



October-December 2009: Oksana Dmyterko digitizes UCRDC audio recordings.



2009: Iroida Wynnykuj (left), Oksana Dmyterko (center), Wolodymyra Luczkiw (right).



December 2009: Presentation of photo album "Ukrainska Divizia 'Halychyna' – A history in photographs from its founding in 1943 to the discharge from prisoner-of-war camp in 1949" by Bohdan Maciw held at UCRDC. Speakers in photos – Roman Kolisnyk (left), Motria Illyukij (center), Yevhen Waschuk (right).

May 2010: Launch of new oral history project "Ukrainians Assisting Jews During the Holocaust" to identify and interview Ukrainians who took great personal risks in hiding or otherwise helping Jews survive during the years of World War II.

June 2010: Lecture "Архівна Україніка, результат співпраці українських та канадських науковців" and book presentation of "Архівна Україніка в Канаді: Довідник" by Iryna Matiash, First Deputy of the Head of National Archives of Ukraine.

November 2011: Exhibit "Holodomor Through the Eyes of Ukrainian Artists" a collection of 25 posters of artwork from Ukraine on the subject of the Holodomor held at UCRDC during the National Holodomor Commemoration Week. Artwork, films, and interview excerpts also shown at UCRDC during the week.

March 2012: Professor Wasyl Janischewskij Memorial Lecture "The Political Culture of Cossack Ukraine" by Dr. Zenon E. Kohut Director of CIUS, University of Alberta held at KUMF Gallery.



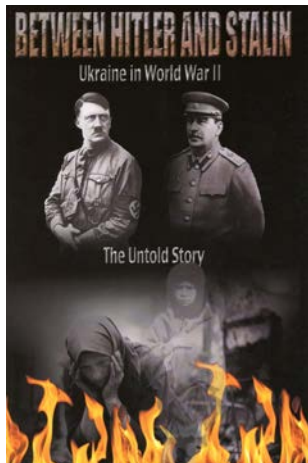
December 2010: Bohdan Shulakewych (UCRDC) receives \$10,000 from COSBILD President Askold Hankivsky.



May 2012: Launch of the Ukrainian edition of "Mina's Story – A Doctor's Memoir of the Holocaust" at the St. Vladimir Institute. Co-organized by UCRDC. Photos of speakers (from left to right) – Dr. Frank Sysyn, Dr. Jeffrey Kopstein, Dr. Eva Andermann, Philip Goldig.

2012: Jurij Darewych elected as the new president of UCRDC.

2013-17: New Publications and Scholarship



2013: "BETWEEN HITLER AND STALIN Ukraine in WWII THE UNTOLD STORY" a UCRDC publication by W. Isajiw, A. Gregorovich, and O. Romanyshyn.



2013: "The Extraordinary Lives of Ordinary Women, Oral History of the Twentieth Century" a UCRDC publication by Iroida Wynnyckyj, Oksana Dmyterko, and Natalia Fedorovych.

October 2013: Exhibit opening of "Портрети воїнів – учасників зимового походу Української Народної Республіки, 1919 р" by Oleksander Motyl, Professor at Rutgers University.

November 2013: Book exhibit of "Національна книга пам'яті жертв Голодомору 1932-1933 років в Україні" including 19 Volumes held at the UCRDC.



May 2014: Joseph Zissels (left) interview Iroida Wynnyckyj (center) and Christina Isajiw (right).



June 2014: "Cello Bellas" – a benefit concert at St. Vladimir Institute Theatre for the Leon Hloba Scholarship Fund at UCRDC. Concert was organized by UCRDC and the family of Leon Hloba in cooperation with St. Vladimir Institute.



August 2014: UCRDC President Jurij Darewych speaks at the "Centennial of the First National Internment Operations of 1914" plaque unveiling at St. Vladimir Institute.

September 2014: Book Presentations of "Between Hitler and Stalin Ukraine in World War II" and "Незвичайні Долі Звичайних Жінок Усна Історія ХХ століття."



October 2014: International Educational Conference "Холмщина Під Час Другої Світової Війни" at the St. Vladimir Theatre. Volodymyr Trofymovych (left) Myroslav Ivanyk (right).



June 2014: Nadia Zavorotna (4th from left) winner of Janischewskij Scholarship Award.



October 2014: Anne Applebaum (left) visit to UCRDC.



December 2014: Book presentation of the new volume of Mykhailo Hrushevsky's "History of Ukraine-Rus." (Photo: Frank Sysyn)

February 2015: "Ukrainian Soldier Through the Ages" a special celebration to honour defendants of Ukrainian sovereignty, featuring lecture by Frank Sysyn and exhibit opening.

April 2015: Children of Holodomor Survivors Oral History Project by UCRDC launched.

June 2015: Film release of "Holodomor: Voices of Survivors – Ukrainian Famine/Genocide" by Ariadna Ochrymowych. Film made under the auspices and with the cooperation of the UCRDC.



November 2015: Roundtable discussion with Timothy Snyder and 20 graduate students from the University of Toronto held at the UCRDC.



May 2016: Bozhena Gembatiuk (left) showing UCRDC to Mustafa Dzhemilev during his visit.



April 2017: UCRDC Volunteer week celebration.

2015: Oral History of Ukrainian Canada (OHUC) project launches.

May 2017: Holodomor Education Conference: "Education – Awareness – Action" co-sponsored by UCRDC and other organizations, held at the Canadian Museum for Human Rights in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

2017: Nicholas Derzko elected as the new president of the UCRDC.

2018-21: UCRDC Exhibits and Lectures

February 2018: Lecture "Regarding Questions about the Study of Holodomor" by Oleh Wolowyna.



September 2018: Lecture "They saved other people's children, risking their own" by Dr. Igor Schchupak (left), co-sponsored by UCRDC.



December 2018: Presentation of projects about Ukrainian Division "Halychyna." Research Presentation by V. Kipiani, O. Kuryshenko, and M. Vereshchaka. Showing of documentary films created by students from Ukrainian Catholic University.

2020: Iryna Revutsky elected as the new president of UCRDC.



September 2020: Webinar on "Leon Hloba Ukrainian Hero of the French Resistance in the Second World War" by Dr. Zorian Stech.



2021: Release of Interview Series "Ukrainians By Choice."



October 2018: "Harvest of Despair" exhibit at the official unveiling of the Holodomor Memorial at Exhibition Place, Toronto (In photo: Bozhena Gembatiuk)

November 2018: Book launch of "The Famine of 1932-1933 in Ukraine: An Anatomy of the Holodomor" by Dr. Stanislav Kulchytsky. Sponsored by CIUS, St Vladimir Institute, UCRDC, and the Shevchenko Sci. Society.

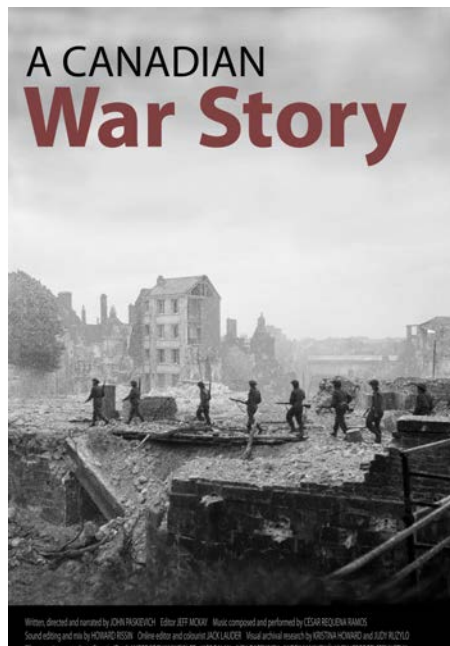


May 2019: Easter Lunch (UCRDC and CUF)

January 2019: Lecture "Українки в ГУЛАГ-у: коли вижити означало перемогти" by Dr. Oksana Kis.

October 2019: Lecture "How Important Were the Soviet Dissidents? The Case of Ukraine?" by Professor Ivan (John) Jaworsky. Organized by St. Vladimir Institute, CIUS, and UCRDC.

October 2019: Lecture "The Mykhailo Hrushevsky Digital Archives Project: Project, Achievements, Tasks, and Cooperation" by Dr. Oksana Yurkova (Kyiv). Organized by CIUS, UCRDC and St. Vladimir Institute.



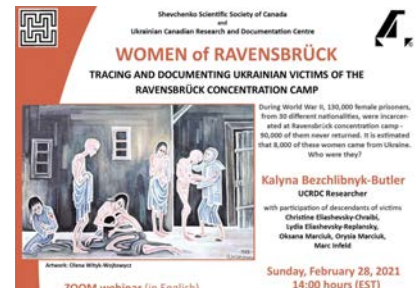
November 2020: Movie Premiere (Virtual) of UCRDC documentary film "A Canadian War Story", written, directed and narrated by John Paskievich.



November 2018: Exhibit opening of "100 Years of Modern Ukrainian Statehood" and lecture "ЗАХІДНО-УКРАЇНСЬКА НАРОДНА РЕСПУБЛІКА 1918 - 1923" by Dr. Oleh Pavlyshyn, Ivan Franko Lviv National University.



October 2019: Exhibition Opening "Diaspora Remembers: An exhibition of Holodomor Monuments around the world."



February 2021: Webinar "Women of Ravensbruck Tracing and Documenting Ukrainian Victims of the Ravensbruck Concentration Camp" by Kalyna Bezchlibnyk-Butler.



May 2021: Release of Interview Series "Children of Holodomor Survivors."



November 2021 – Elisa Lucente research visit to UCRDC. From left to right: Natalia Mysakowec, Elisa Lucente, Chrystia Kolos, Iroida Wynnuckiy.

2022: 40th Year of UCRDC and Beyond

The Mennonite Experience during the Holodomor: It's Complicated.

During the Holodomor (1932-33) Mennonites in Ukraine shared many of the same experiences of hunger and premature death as their neighbours. In 1933, after Hitler came to power in Germany, they were often accused by Soviet officials of being Nazi agents and Hitlerists for receiving foreign aid from relatives in the West.



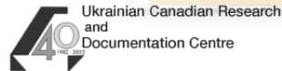
KEYNOTE SPEAKER
Dr. Colin Neufeldt
Professor, History
Concordia University
of Edmonton

Zoom Webinar
Friday, March 25, 2022
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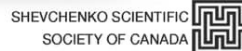
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March 25: Zoom webinar "The Mennonite Experience during the Holodomor: It's Complicated" by Dr. Colin Neufeldt and Dr. Olga Andriewsky. Organized by UCRDC and the Shevchenko Scientific Society.



March: Project Launch of "Canada Reacts" by UCRDC. Collection of photos, videos, articles and other materials on how people and organization have supported Ukraine and its people in this significant moment in history.



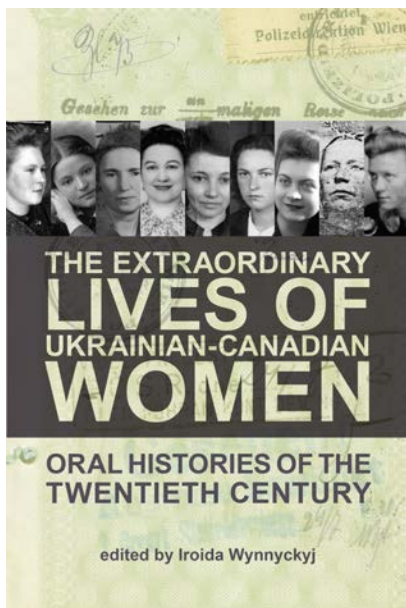
May: Dr. Ivanna Cherchovych research visit to UCRDC.



July 6-14: Dr. Bert Hoppe research visit to UCRDC.



February: Exhibit Opening "My DP Story" at UCRDC.



2022: "The Extraordinary Lives of Ukrainian-Canadian Women, Oral Histories of the Twentieth Century" a UCRDC publication compiled and edited by Iroida Wynnyckyj.



September 29: Iroida Wynnyckyj speaking and signing copies during book launch of "The Extraordinary Lives of Ukrainian-Canadian Women".



October 16: 40th Anniversary of UCRDC Celebration featuring a lecture on the history of the UCRDC by Dr. Zorian Stech (left photo) at St. Volodymyr Institute Theatre. Second photo from reception (left to right) Jurij Darewych, Oksana Zakydalsky, Iroida Wynnyckyj, Bohdan Onyschuk.



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April 2007: Volunteer Appreciation Week.



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September 2019: Volunteers at work.



September 2022: Volunteers preparing for book launch event

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For the past 40 years the Ukrainian Canadian Research and Documentation Centre has provided work and volunteer opportunities to numerous high school and university students in Toronto. We want to thank each and every one of our students who has helped with conducting (or assisting) research projects, exhibit preparations, interviewing, office help, and numerous other tasks that were integral to the growth of the UCRDC as an organization. Thank you!



1991: Melania Mykytiuk (right) & Svitlana Medwidska.



1994: Oksana Horikh (right) & Natalka Zakydalsky.



2001: Andrea Figol (right) with I. Wynnnykij.



2001: Oleksiy Tyshchenko (right) with Nadia Skop.



1995: Student volunteers at the opening of Barbed Wire Solution exhibit.



2003: Danylo Darewych (standing) teaching students.



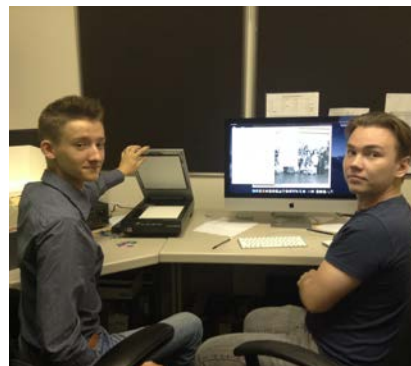
2003: Students preparing a poster for UCRDC.



2008: Orest Zakydalsky.



2016: OHUC Project Students with Christina Isajiw. In photo (L to R) Ruslan Boki, Adriana Szczurko, Christina Isajiw, Kassandra Luciuk.



2019: Daniel Dmytriv-Stelmach (left) and Rostyslav Pron (right).



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