

**PRAIRIE CENTRE FOR THE STUDY OF UKRAINIAN HERITAGE  
(PCUH)  
STATUS REPORT**

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**Mission:** Created in 1998, the Prairie Centre for the Study of Ukrainian Heritage (PCUH) is an academic unit of St. Thomas More College, University of Saskatchewan. Building on the 60 year long tradition of Ukrainian Studies at the University of Saskatchewan, PCUH is committed to providing further quality programming in the area by organizing, overseeing and participating in a variety of academic programs and projects.

**Goals and objectives of the centre:** As an anchor for Ukrainian Studies at the University of Saskatchewan, PCUH supports course offerings in this area while engaging in research and projects that promote a wider understanding and appreciation of the Ukrainian experience in Canada and abroad.

**Types of activities undertaken to achieve mandate:** PCUH is engaged in a variety of long-term scholarly, instructional and research programs, projects and initiatives. These are managed and/or conducted by PCUH Faculty Associates. PCUH, in co-operation with community partners, is also associated with a number of Community Outreach initiatives that promote an awareness of the local Ukrainian experience and help secure financial assistance for students enrolled in Ukrainian Studies courses at the University of Saskatchewan.

PCUH Programs, Projects and Initiatives are as follows:

**Mohyla Lecture Series**

Mohyla Lecture Series is a major academic event in Ukrainian Studies at the University of Saskatchewan. The series is devoted to a discussion of Ukrainian heritage and contemporary affairs and offers an opportunity for the U of S community to meet and listen to the leading scholars in the field of Ukrainian studies.

**PCUH Policy Forum Series**

On an occasional basis, PCUH invites recognized or leading authorities in the field to speak on policy issues that relate to Ukraine and the Ukrainian-Canadian community. The purpose of the series is to introduce a wider community to

those policy questions, decisions, strategies and issues that bear on the welfare, security and interests of Ukraine and Ukrainian-Canadians

### **Conferences, Symposia, Exhibitions:**

PCUH organizes and sponsors conferences, symposia and exhibitions on a continuing basis, co-operating with other institutions

### **Heritage Press**

The Heritage Press publishes the research of both PCUH faculty and other scholars working under the auspices of the PCUH. As part of its mandate it also co-produces with other academic publishers scholarly work in the area of Ukrainian heritage

### **Oral History Program**

The PCUH Oral History Program has been active at PCUH since 2002. The goal of the program is to provide coordinated support to research initiatives in the field of oral historical research, with a focus on Ukrainian and Ukrainian-Canadian experience, culture and history. Some 250 interviews have been recorded and archived for various projects since the inception of the program.

### **Personal Sources Archives**

The *Personal Sources Archives* at PCUH was created in 2009 as an archives program for PCUH research. The main goal of this program is to build a collection and create an inventory of vernacular documentation that is of importance to the study of the Ukrainian cultural experience in Saskatchewan, Canada and around the world. As a research program, our mandate is to actively seek, collect, and preserve such personal documents as — letters written to/from the "Old Country", diaries, family histories, personal memoirs, photos and other relevant documentation

### **Community Outreach Initiatives**

PCUH provides an opportunity for invited artists to share their most recent work by way of public presentation, performance or workshop. The objective of the initiative is to help promote a wider appreciation of the Ukrainian arts scene and to raise scholarship funds at these events. A special initiative of PCUH, a memorial was commissioned and unveiled in September 2004 commemorating Eaton, Saskatchewan, as the site of a WWI internment camp where Ukrainian Canadian were briefly interned as civilian prisoners of war .

## ***PCUH FOCUS***

An annual newsletter, PCUH Focus, reports on the activities of the Centre.

### **Governance:**

PCUH Director oversees the Centre's work and reports to the Dean and the Financial Director of STM College. An Academic Advisory Board provides strategic advice in the planning, development, and promotion of PCUH programmes.

### **PCUH Director**

Natalia Khanenko-Friesen, Associate Professor of Anthropology, Dept. of Archeology and Anthropology, STM College, (2009-2012).

### **Academic Advisory Board**

- Dr. Roman Petryshyn, Director of the Ukrainian Resource and Development Centre (URDC) at Grant MacEwan College, Edmonton, Alberta.
- Dr. Myroslaw Tataryn, Vice-President and Academic Dean, St. Jerome University, Waterloo, Ontario

### **PCUH Faculty Associates and Affiliates:**

Dr. Bohdan Kordan, Professor, Political Studies, STM College, Faculty Associate

Ms. Nadya Foty, Lecturer, Languages and Linguistics, STM College, Faculty Affiliate